

# Your submission to Zero Carbon Bill

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### Clause

1. What process should the Government use to set a new emissions reduction target in legislation?

### Position

The Government sets a 2050 target in legislation now

### Notes

Set the target in legislation now, monitor its progress and adjust the the processes for items not meeting the criteria

### Clause

2. If the Government sets a 2050 target now, which is the best target for New Zealand?

### Position

Net Zero Emissions - Net zero emissions across all greenhouse gases by 2050

### Notes

### Clause

3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?

### Position

Domestic emissions reductions (including from new forest planting) and using some emissions reductions from overseas (international carbon units) that have strong environmental safeguards

### Notes

The majority should be be domestic reductions, but there is some scope for international carbon units. there is also potential to use New Zealand as an offset for other countries, which could prove a good revenue/trade source

### Clause

4. Should the Zero Carbon Bill allow the 2050 target to be revised if circumstances change?

### Position

Yes

### Notes

I think it should be revised, but only if it is beneficial to the environment. i.e if certain items / sectors are not meeting targets, then the process in which they are required to reduce emissions should change, provided the new process is more positive for the environment

### Clause

5. The Government proposes that three emissions budgets of five years each (i.e. covering the next 15 years) be in place at any given time. Do you agree with this proposal?

### Position

Yes

### Notes

the use of the budget should be well setout, but also the funding for the budget could come from initiatives where businesses that are high in emissions don't aim at reducing. i.e tax companies on emission but lower the tax threshold when they can prove they are actively reducing not only emission, but general consumption of resource (energy, materials etc) year by year

### Clause

6. Should the Government be able to alter the last emissions budget (i.e. furthest into the future)?

### Position

Yes - the third emissions budget should be able to be changed but only when the subsequent budget is set

### Notes

the budget should only be able to be changed, but only under the circumstances where emissions have reduced over the first decade, or more budget is required to reach the targets should they not be achieved

### Clause

7. Should the Government have the ability to review and adjust the second emissions budget within a specific range under exceptional circumstances? See p36 Our Climate Your Say

**Position**

Yes

**Notes****Clause**

8. Do you agree with the considerations we propose that the Government and the Climate Change Commission take into account when advising on and setting budgets? See p44 Our Climate Your Say

**Position**

Yes

**Notes****Clause**

9. Should the Zero Carbon Bill require Governments to set out plans within a certain timeframe to achieve the emissions budgets?

**Position**

Yes

**Notes****Clause**

10. What are the most important issues for the Government to consider in setting plans to meet budgets? For example, who do we need to work with, what else needs to be considered?

**Notes**

the companies producing the emissions need to be consulted and aided in ways to reduce their emissions, particularly if they want to lower them but the prospect seems expensive, to see what they require in the way of making their business emission free.

Governments like Denmark and Finland should be considered too, and consulted about what works and what doesn't, since they have set a high precedent

**Clause**

11. The Government has proposed that the Climate Change Commission advises on and monitors New Zealand's progress towards its goals. Do you agree with these functions? See p42 Our Climate Your Say

**Position**

Yes

**Notes****Clause**

12. What role do you think the Climate Change Commission should have in relation to the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme (NZ ETS)?

**Position**

Makes decisions itself in respect of the number of units available in the NZ ETS

**Notes**

it should be able to make its own decisions, based on research and experience, although it should be reviewed and scrutinized by the government, with final approval being given only once all parties agree

**Clause**

13. The Government has proposed that Climate Change Commissioners need to have a range of essential and desirable expertise. Do you agree with the proposed expertise? See p45 Our Climate Your Say

**Position**

Yes

**Notes**

in the Our Climate Your Say Document, it says desirable but not essential. I agree with these statements although if they do not find a representative in those areas, there should be someone appointed to find and consult with experts in that area.

**Clause**

14. Do you think the Zero Carbon Bill should cover adapting to climate change?

**Position**

Yes

**Notes****Clause**

15. The Government has proposed a number of new functions to help us adapt to climate change. Do you agree with the proposed functions? See p47 Our Climate Your Say

**Position**

Yes

**Notes**

**Clause**

16. Should we explore setting up a targeted adaptation reporting power that could see some organisations share information on their exposure to climate change risks?

**Position**

Yes

**Notes****Clause**

Do you have any other comments you'd like to make?

**Notes**

the fact that we are creating a Zero Carbon Bill is a great start to a bright future or New Zealand, but we should not act on the climate halfheartedly. the positive changes need to happen fast, be bold and be effective. We cannot sit around discussing options of what to do while the climate changes past the point we cannot correct it.

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