# Your submission to Zero Carbon Bill

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## Clause 2
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
3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?  
**Position**  
Domestic emissions reductions only (including from new forest planting)  
**Notes**

## Clause 4
4. Should the Zero Carbon Bill allow the 2050 target to be revised if circumstances change?  
**Notes**  
Depends on those circumstances. If the climate crisis worsens as it is expected to do, stronger emissions reductions might need to be applied. But not for lesser reasons such as a change in government.

## Clause 5
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**

## Clause 6
6. Should the Government be able to alter the last emissions budget (i.e. furthest into the future)?  
**Position**  
No - emissions budgets should not be able to be changed  
**Notes**  
Unless as above, emissions need to be cut even further, sooner.

## Clause 7
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**  
No  
**Notes**  
Unless as above

## Clause 8
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 10
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**  
We need a strong climate change education programme, so that all citizens from young children through to the elderly become aware of the huge issues that face our planet and the need for drastic transformation of our profligate energy use and fossil fuels
**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**  
We need an independent body in case of a government being elected that wants to retreat back into climate change denial.

**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  
**Notes**  
Education expertise is important as we urgently need to re-educate our populace about the urgency and nature of the transformations required.

**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**  
It is such a huge relief to have a government that is taking climate change seriously.