

# 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

Minimum 2050 deadline, to be reviewed every 5 years with only an option to decrease the target. We need to be more ambitious than 2050, changes will be severe by then.

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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

Nothing less than net zero. We should actually become carbon NEGATIVE to offset other countries. We should not use carbon credits or similar trading schemes as these simply disguise emissions and allow for avoidance.

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3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?

#### Position

Domestic emissions reductions only (including from new forest planting)

#### Notes

Overseas countries have different standards and can't be relied upon to play fairly.

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

#### Position

Yes

#### Notes

Only downwards.

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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

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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

Emission setting legislation should place extra social and environmental responsibility on those reviewing and advising on the legislative review

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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

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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 environment and escalating costs of inaction.

**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****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****Clause**

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

**Position**

No

**Notes**

Use other vehicles to implement the target.

**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**