

# 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?

### Notes

see notes below

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

### Notes

see notes below

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3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?

### Notes

see notes below

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

### Position

Yes

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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

No

### 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 - each incoming Government should have the option to review the third budget in the sequence

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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

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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

No

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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**

No

**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**

see notes below

**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**

No

**Notes**

see notes below

**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**

No

**Notes****Clause**

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

**Position**

No

**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**

No

**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**

This proposed legislation is highly emotive and not based on facts. To date there is still no evidence that global warming is based on anthropomorphic emissions. Global warming is a natural phenomena largely driven by natural emissions from eg volcanoes, subduction gas emissions, seeps from underground reservoirs etc. Having said that, it would be irresponsible not to limit our footprint on this planet. NASA has carried out studies from orbit of atmospheric CO2 and other 'greenhouse' gas concentrations. Refer <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x1SgmFa0r04>. This demonstrates seasonal high levels of CO2 in the Northern hemisphere over winter months, much of which is absorbed by vegetation in the Spring and Summer. In the Southern Hemisphere, there are almost no CO2 emissions. Much of these are from burning low grade coal in Australia, which is currently being reduced. My question is why does NZ continue to damage our economy in a ineffective response to what is in effect a Northern Hemisphere problem?