

# 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

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

### Position

Net Zero Long-Lived Gases and Stabilised Short-Lived Gases - Long-lived gases to net zero by 2050 while also stabilising short-lived gases

### Notes

Option three and four are very similar in terms of actual effect on the atmosphere but option three is far more achievable. Enteric methane from livestock leaves an equilibrium amount of methane in the atmosphere which has already stabilized as livestock numbers have done. All that is left after the methane has degraded is the CO2 from whence it came in the first place. For this reason methane should always have considered as a separate issue and not just lumped in with all of the long term gases. A huge disservice has been done to New Zealand and agriculture in particular by this monumental blunder. For example the "40% of our emissions from agriculture" that we hear so often is scientifically a nonsense yet we are at risk of making ridiculous policy decisions on the strength of it. As well as that, New Zealand's emissions are actually much less per person than we have declared. We are also wasting some \$20m per year on research to mitigate emissions that in fact have very little effect on the planet.