

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

### Notes

I don't support exemption of agricultural emissions. Rapid transition to sustainable practices is needed. It has been very clear to the agricultural sector for many years already that major changes are necessary, and although they will now be better prepared, substantial change hasn't, and won't, happen without legislation.

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3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?

### Position

Domestic emissions reductions only (including from new forest planting)

### Notes

New Zealand should be able to achieve this. We are in a good position compared to many other countries. It is the total global reduction that is the important target and we should be aiming to do more than our share

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

### Position

Yes

### Notes

but...strong protection against partisan political fiddling with targets is needed.

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

### Notes

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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

What is accepted as exceptional circumstances needs to be clearly defined, and evidence-based.

**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**

What explicit protections are there from interference in this process by actors with vested interests

**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**

We have deferred action far too long already.

**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 government needs to set a clear policy (to date that has been lacking) and all sectors need to be engaged in responding. The government also needs to create incentives, invest in research and development (in partnership with the private sector), invest in transition projects, protect the most vulnerable, and also ensure essential mitigation work is planned and undertaken. Key sectors obviously include energy, agriculture, business and technology, transport, the tertiary sector, finance sector, construction and housing.

**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**

It is important to have a stable entity to provide continuity, up to date expertise and a level of protection from political interference

**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?

**Notes**

Unsure. There may be risks in combining two very different initiatives, even though they are obviously related. May be better to keep them separate, as the Zero Carbon Bill is fundamental and should be seen as (relatively) fixed.

**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**