Your submission to Zero Carbon Bill
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### Clause 1
**Position**
The Government sets a 2050 target in legislation now

**Notes**
The Climate Commission as an Independent Watchdog would publish progress reports on target emissions and highlight any problems that arise, so that government is in a position to make the necessary adjustments to reach the stipulated net zero emissions target.

### Clause 2
**Position**
Net Zero Emissions - Net zero emissions across all greenhouse gases by 2050

### Clause 3
**Position**
Domestic emissions reductions only (including from new forest planting)

**Notes**
Net zero emissions are a global responsibility, a target we must all aim for, using some emission reductions from overseas is hypocritical.

### Clause 4
**Position**
No

**Notes**
The Climate Commission should be well placed to keep successive governments on track to meet the target of net zero emissions by 2050.

### Clause 5
**Position**
Yes

**Notes**
Definitely, this Act needs to be a serious proposition not something a change of government could destabilise at their whim or the whim of polluting industries.

### Clause 6
**Position**
No - emissions budgets should not be able to be changed

### Clause 7
**Position**
No

**Notes**

*See p36 Our Climate Your Say*
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
These emission budgets should set out the pathway to zero emissions over each of the three 5 year timeframes.

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
We need to bring on board our talented innovators to create emission free industries to replace industries that are emission loaded and so create new jobs. We need to bring on board environmentalists to explore how best to interact with our land, iwi and hapu. This is the only way we will meet targets of zero net emissions.

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
In order to ensure the Climate Commissioners are the best people to advise and monitor progress towards the Zero Emissions Act, I would suggest we select equal numbers of female and male Climate Experts of different political persuasions, so that they can concentrate on the job in hand with no outside interests clouding their judgment.

Clause 12. What role do you think the Climate Change Commission should have in relation to the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme (NZ ETS)?

Notes
I would like the NZ ETS to be abolished.

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
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
The Zero Carbon Act must cover how New Zealand will adapt to the impacts of climate change. This requires a National Adaptation Plan which gives a clear direction to local government on how all sectors, iwi and hapu included, can coordinate their response to the impacts of climate change.
Do you have any other comments you'd like to make?

Notes
I do hope for the sake of my small grandchildren that we will come together as a country to recognise the need to work as a team to reduce our carbon footprints. Let us be an inspiration to our international, global neighbours.