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A Zero Carbon Act is important to me because... We are running out of time to act. Not everyone understands the importance of getting to zero carbon therefore an Act is required to make it happen because it cannot happen if it is left to voluntary compliance.


Q2. If the Government sets a 2050 target now, which is the best target for New Zealand? Reduce total greenhouse gases to net zero by 2050. Aim for negative levels of long-lived gases, while reducing short-lived gases to sustainable levels underpinned by scientific research and data to know what these levels are.

Q3. How should New Zealand meet its targets? Use domestic emissions reductions only (including from new forest planting).

Q4. Should the Zero Carbon Bill allow the 2050 target to be revised if circumstances change? The 2050 target should not be altered in response to “economic changes” as this undermines its long-term certainty. However, the ability to revise the 2050 target in light of major changes in scientific understanding or international agreements could be permitted.

Q5. 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? I agree with 5-year budgets set 10-15 years in advance, so that 3 are in effect at all times.

Q6 - Q7. Should the Government be able to alter emissions budgets? No - unless there are major changes in scientific understanding or international agreements.

Q8. Do you agree with the proposed considerations that the Government and the Climate Commission will need to take into account when advising on and setting budgets? I agree that the following factors need to be taken into consideration when advising on and setting budgets:

- scientific knowledge on climate change
- technology relevant to climate change
- economic circumstances and the likely impact of a decision on the economy, as well as the competitiveness of particular sectors of the economy
- fiscal circumstances and the likely impact of the decision on taxation, public spending and public borrowing
- social circumstances and the likely impact of a decision on fuel poverty
- energy policy and the likely impact of a decision on energy supplies and the carbon and energy intensity of the economy.

Q9. Should the Zero Carbon Bill require Governments to set out plans within a certain timeframe to achieve the emissions budgets? Yes - we must specify a strict time frame for producing a plan.

Q10. 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? The Government’s policy plans to meet emission budgets should be comprehensive, fair, cost-effective, environmentally sustainable, and reflect a commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi.
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<td>Q11. 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?</td>
<td>Yes - the Commission should not be a decision-making body.</td>
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<td>Q12. What role do you think the Climate Change Commission should have in relation to the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme (NZ ETS)?</td>
<td>The Commission should advise the Government on policy settings in the NZ ETS. It should not make decisions itself with respect to the number of units available in the NZ ETS, or its implementation.</td>
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| Q13. 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? | I agree with the following collective expertise:  
  • climate change policy (including emissions trading)  
  • resource economics and impacts (including social impacts, labour markets and distribution)  
  • te Tiriti o Waitangi, te reo me ona tikanga Māori and Māori interests  
  • climate and environmental science including mātauranga Māori  
  • experience with addressing adaptation challenges like planning, insurance and local government  
  • risk management  
  • engineering and/or infrastructure  
  • community engagement and communications.  
  • business competitiveness  
  • knowledge of the public and private innovation and technology development system  
  expertise in public health is also important. |
| Q14. Do you think the Zero Carbon Bill should cover adapting to climate change? | Yes.                                                                                                                                         |
| Q15. The Government has proposed a number of new functions to help us adapt to climate change. Do you agree with the proposed functions? | I agree with the proposed functions:  
  • a national climate change risk assessment  
  • a national adaptation plan  
  • regular review of progress towards implementing the national adaptation plan  
  • an adaptation reporting power |
| Q16. Should the Government explore setting up a targeted adaptation reporting power that could see some organisations share information on their exposure to climate change risks? | Yes - very important                                                                                                                        |
| Further comments                                                        |                                                                                                                                           |