

# 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 goal to reach net zero emissions by the second half of the century and the Climate Change Commission advises on the specific target for the Government to set later

### Notes

If the target is set by the commission this will help separate it from party politics and bias which could undermine the goal.

### Clause

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

NZ needs to stop pretending its forestry will save it, eventually those trees will be cut down and burned up or processed in some manner. Just go all the way and end carbon emissions from man made sources, even if we fall short with an ambitious goal we should be able to get fairly close.

### Clause

3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?

### Position

Domestic emissions reductions only (including from new forest planting)

### Notes

The second option of buying from overseas allows us to not actually focus on reducing our emissions and instead buy others success. That wouldn't make us "clean and green" just well off enough to buy another country's clean air to offset our own emissions. That's not real progress.

### Clause

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

### Position

Yes

### Notes

What is put in place later cannot be any less ambitious, the ultimate goal shouldn't change only the methods of getting there.

### Clause

6. Should the Government be able to alter the last emissions budget (i.e. furthest into the future)?

### Position

Yes - the third emissions budget should be able to be changed but only when the subsequent budget is set

### Notes

Again reiterate that change could be made to the methods as long as the overall target remains the same - of course there is the risk that with changing political agendas this will result in no progress due to flip flopping on policy and cosying to certain voters, it may be better to lock it in.

### Clause

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

If it is limiting it further, i.e. new scientific discoveries mean we have to reduce the carbon budget significantly, but it shouldn't be made any more lax.

### 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**

**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**

Putting in place real tools to drive change rather than being afraid they'll lose voters.

**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**

**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?

**Position**

Yes

**Notes**

But the commission shouldn't be responsible for it, the focus on getting to a net zero emissions state is a lofty enough goal without the added adaptation mandate.

**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**

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