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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

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

Clause
3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?
   Position
   Domestic emissions reductions only (including from new forest planting)
   Notes

Clause
4. Should the Zero Carbon Bill allow the 2050 target to be revised if circumstances change?
   Position
   Yes
   Notes
   OK to revise the 2050 target to sooner, but not later than 2050.

Clause
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

Clause
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
   The emissions budget should only be able to be reviewed if it reduces the target date (not extends it).

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
   Only if it brings the target date earlier

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
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
Public transport system; making solar power affordable (or other renewable forms of energy); creating alternative systems for people to use when the usual systems/infrastructure has been damaged by climate change events; build strong local communities so that people support each other.

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
The need to adapt should be acknowledged, but could be hard to specify in advance. New ideas and solutions will likely develop in response to new situations.

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

Clause
Do you have any other comments you'd like to make?
Finding carbon sinks is vital - we need a national campaign to promote planting trees/leafy gardens/valuing & not chopping down mature trees

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