

# 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

We are out of time for vague timings and delaying targets to later. Specific mandated action is required now.

### 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

Again we are out of time for part measures. Comprehensive action is required.

### 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

But only under the strictest conditions. There must be no loophole that allows a National/Act government to arbitrarily water down the target. However there needs to be provision for increasing the target if environmental conditions worsen faster than expected.

### 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

See Note 4 above.

### 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

but only under exceptional circumstances such as a major national disaster. Again there must be no loophole that allows a National/Act government to arbitrarily water down the target.

### 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**

but an important consideration appears to be missing, namely the impact on the natural environment and on our native fauna and flora.

**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**

Of course. Budgets don't achieve themselves. The Bill should require Governments to set out how it will achieve the emissions budgets, including transition pathways

**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**

How to be action oriented; how to achieve swift, successful, sustainable implementation; how to avoid interminable debate, cloying bureaucracy, and deflection and misinformation from deniers.

**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**

The Commission should advise the government on targets and policy planning. The Government should have to publicly respond to, and provide rationale when it deviates from the Commission's advice. The Climate Commission should also act as an independent watchdog, publishing progress reports and highlighting problems.

**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**

but hands on environmental management field experience would also be high on my list.

**Clause**

14. Do you think the Zero Carbon Bill should cover adapting to climate change?

**Position**

Yes

**Notes**

This should involve the Government setting a National Adaptation Plan that sets a clear direction to local government and helps coordinate the response across different sectors and including iwi and hapū.

**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?

**Notes**

You cannot please all the people all of the time. Many people and groups will be unhappy with this Act, but it is essential that this government pushes ahead with it as quickly as possible. At the time that motor cars were gradually being introduced, if governments had been swayed by blacksmiths, farriers, vets, makers of horseshoes, saddles and riding equipment and clothes, we would still be driving around in a pony and trap. Those people eventually accepted and adapted, even though at the time they hated those responsible for introducing motorised transport. We must have the same strength of purpose.