

# 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 need to set a target NOW, not wait for a committee

### 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

The goal must be set high, as it is not clear what is actually needed to avoid disaster. Even net zero emissions might not be enough if too much GHG is in the atmosphere now.

### Clause

3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?

### Position

Domestic emissions reductions only (including from new forest planting)

### Notes

Low Carbon dioxide production might not be adhered to by those countries. Stick to what we can control.

### Clause

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

### Position

Yes

### Notes

The 2050 target may need to be made stricter, that is set earlier or including more GHGs or more offsets like planting forests. The target should NOT be revised lower unless temperature has started to decline and there is no danger of reaching tipping points. (I cannot imagine that this latter would happen by 2050, though)

### 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

3 5year periods are a minimum, though. Shorter periods would encourage quicker adjustments to the target, if needed.

### 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

They should only be able to lower the target if my condtions mentioned in to Q.4 have been met. Raising the target should be allowed.

### 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

No

**Notes**

Only under my conditions in Q 4.

**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

**Notes**

Scientific knowledge and relevant tech should be considered. The others should generally not be considered unless they would make the short term situation, up to 20 years, considerably worse than the long term , 50 to 100 years, situation would have brought.

**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**

Absolutely. Plans without a timr frame are useless. The clock is ticking, and we want to avoid disaster.

**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**

Agricultural admissions need to be included straightaway. These are a dominant portion of total national emissions. Farmers need to be supported in making transitions, but ag endeavors will need to scale back and likely some to shut down.

**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**

Any non decision making role could well allow the current government to avoid actions necessary to limit climate change

**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**

Maybe matauranga should be separate from science. I AM NOT clear what is meant by sector experts. Business competitiveness is far less relevant than social impacts in these decisions.

**Clause**

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

**Position**

Yes

**Notes**

The document just includes assessing and reporting as adapting. Definitely cover that. To cover the cost of adapting...I suppose that becomes a part of budget, if the Government decides to?

**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

**Notes**

I don't see any functions on pg 47 or thereavout.

**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?

**Notes**

This could help the government understand implications of climate change decisions, but many changes will need to happen despite concerns about them