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
2050 target, with the Commission advising and facilitating shorter targets/budgets

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
I would also support the second option, as long as methane is stabilized at a low rate compared with the present, say 25% or less.

Clause
3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?

Position
Domestic emissions reductions only (including from new forest planting)

Notes
International credits are often weak, bordering on fraudulent. Domestic only!

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

Position
Yes

Notes
In extreme circumstances (in which case the Act would probably be thrown out in any case)

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

Notes
And only with good reason.

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
No - Need medium term certainty for business to plan and adapt.

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

**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**
Perhaps a 5-year plan following each new Carbon Budget

**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**
Equity, social justice, ensuring the poor don't face an unfair burden from cost increases etc.

**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

**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**
If the ETS is kept, the carbon budget should determine the emission quotas, that can be auctioned off with a minimum floor price.

**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

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

**Position**
Yes

**Notes**
Mitigation should be the primary function, but adaptation is also very important and it makes sense that this should partially come under the same legislation and the role of the Commission.

**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

**Clause**
Do you have any other comments you'd like to make?

**Notes**
This is very promising work, well done so far!