

# 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

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2. If the Government sets a 2050 target now, which is the best target for New Zealand?

### Position

Net Zero Long-Lived Gases and Stabilised Short-Lived Gases - Long-lived gases to net zero by 2050 while also stabilising short-lived gases

### Notes

Let's set a goal to Net Zero Emissions on all greenhouse gases after we achieve net zero long lived and stabilized short lived by or before 2050.

### Clause

3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?

### Position

Domestic emissions reductions (including from new forest planting) and using some emissions reductions from overseas (international carbon units) that have strong environmental safeguards

### Notes

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

### Position

Yes

### Notes

ONLY if the target date needs to be revised back (ex: 2040 instead of 2050) or if a Climate Change Commission recommends more urgent cutbacks and reductions.

### 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

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

### Position

No - emissions budgets should not be able to be changed

### Notes

UNLESS there is strong evidence to support an increased budget. Protections should be in place to not cut them.

### 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

My note above ties in with this.

**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****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 and there needs to be a government watchdog body measuring achievements or lack of achievements

**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**

Most importantly a Climate Change Commission would hold governments and industry accountable. We really have to get this done...time is not on our side.

**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**

I think a CCC can do both - set standards for government to implement and advise government on policy

**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****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**

On March 2017 I became a grandmother for the first time. My granddaughter was 8 weeks premature. Doctors do not know why my daughter in law didn't carry to term. My granddaughter is a survivor and at 16 months she is developing in the prem spectrum. A little behind, but doing fine. Now, her family is concerned about the survival of New Zealand. Finally, with everything we know as fact about the warming of the planet and our oceans, we have a government that is working towards solutions for my future and my granddaughter's future. Last February, we had 2 hurricanes (I prefer to call tropical cyclones hurricanes) rip through our Tasman Bay destroying 2 iconic, waterfront buildings. The REASON these hurricanes went South instead of their typical Northerly direction is because the Tasman Sea was 6 degrees warmer than "normal". Now, Nelson/Tasman residents need to learn about hurricane protection/survival. The new norm. Including adaptation is essential. Having a Climate Change Commission that is part of government forever...a new government can't come in and undo it is also essential.