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
Interim steps could be set by Climate Commission

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

Position
Net Zero Carbon Dioxide - Reducing net carbon dioxide emissions to zero by 2050

Notes
The main emphasis must be placed on reduction of gross emissions of fossil fuel CO2 in particular with transition of energy and transport emissions to renewables. Research into agricultural emission mitigation that is of potential global benefit should continue.

Clause 3.
How should New Zealand meet its targets?

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

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

Position
No

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

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

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

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
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
Economic and social impacts of changes. Stimulation of green economy. Assistance to vulnerable communities in the Pacific

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
Advising the Government on policy settings 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

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
Multiple schemes and incentives should be introduced to assist in meeting targets including: improving building code towards higher energy performance, introduction of compulsory energy rating system. Incentives for EVs and PV should be looked at. With coal being the main and growing source of global fossil CO2, alternatives to coal should be a high priority with planned the transition away from coal mining and coal export. NZ should work with international partners on transition to low carbon transport for tourism and
trade.