

# 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

Due to the urgent nature of the issues around climate change we need to be acting now

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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

Net zero emissions are needed across all gases because the effect on temperature is from the cumulative effect all of the greenhouse gases. Within this parameter short term gases may have to be treated differently than those that are long lived.

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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

As net zero 2050 is ambitious target, initially some of the formula may have to be from ICU.

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

### Position

No

### Notes

This should not be an option due to the urgent nature of the issue

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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

A planned approach to carbon reduction is necessary. Budgets will be needed to support initiatives and to get information and education out to the wider community. Individualised information and support for various sectors such as business and agriculture will be needed.

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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

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9. Should the Zero Carbon Bill require Governments to set out plans within a certain timeframe to achieve the emissions budgets?

### Position

Yes

### Notes

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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**

Environmental experts, councils, business groups, the agriculture sector, transport agencies, hospitals, schools, waste stream management companies and insurance companies.

**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**

This work needs to be authoritative and not watered down by changing politicians.

**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**

No

**Notes**

Expertise relating to the natural environment as a living entity with rights needs to be considered. It can be said that we are in the position of having to do Zero Carbon work because we have not looked at ourselves as a part of an ecology. A collaborative, holistic approach to this work is what we need now.

**Clause**

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

**Position**

Yes

**Notes**

Coastal environments are under threat, planned withdrawal and adaptation to change are challenges ahead. Sudden intense weather events are already impacting and communities require support to become resilient around these changes.

**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**

This will facilitate information sharing between groups with similar issues. Best practice models can be shared to support organisations on their journey to zero carbon.