

# 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**

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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**

Every bit helps to keep the temperatures from raising further and faster. Methane may be 'short-lived' but is an accelerant so please focus on getting all warming gases down as soon as. All industries including primary industries must be part of the solution

**Clause**

3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?

**Notes**

I do not favour ETS - prefer a carbon tax

**Clause**

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

**Position**

Yes

**Notes**

'Yes' is ticked for pragmatic reasons only. Would be ideal if constraints can be set out to ensure that flexibility does not lead to the release of more warming gases than planned for 'economic' reasons. In other words best to ensure target can only be revised to accelerate the decrease in warming gases

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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**

**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**

**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**

This seems the best option for a democracy. However, the recommendations of other advisory bodies are easily ignored by governments. Need to explore legislative measures to ensure that the government of the day is held accountable. The ballot box is simply not suitable in this situation. Need other measures in addition to this. Monitoring is useful but not sufficient to keep a government focused on the task especially with so many lobby groups wanting their interests to be excluded from measures requiring the reduction of warming gases.

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12. What role do you think the Climate Change Commission should have in relation to the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme (NZ ETS)?

**Notes**

I don't favour ETS approach

**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**

It would be good to have a polymath (or two) or integrators to overcome the 'silos' effect. Would like to see an ethicist on board too.

**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?

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