



Submissions form

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- Individual

2050 target

1. What process should the Government use to set a new emissions reduction target in legislation?

Pick one:

- the Government sets a 2050 target in legislation now

I advocate the target date as 2040

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

Pick one:

- net zero emissions:** Net zero emissions across all greenhouse gases by 2050.

The most ambitious target: reducing total greenhouse gases to net zero by 2040

3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?

Pick one:

- domestic emissions reductions only (including from new forest planting)

Optional comment

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

Pick one:

- no.

Revise to strengthen, not weaken

Emissions budgets

5. The Government proposes that three emissions budgets of five years each (ie, covering the next 15 years) be in place at any given time. Do you agree with this proposal?

Pick one:

- yes

Optional comment

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

Pick one:

- no, emissions budgets should not be able to be changed.

Optional comment

7. Should the Government have the ability to review and adjust the second emissions budget within a specific range under [exceptional circumstances](#)?

Pick one:

- no.

Optional comment

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?

Pick one:

- no.

We need to face up to the crisis of climate change, and make the tough calls based on the science, even if it means we have to make sacrifices in our standard of living. The economy and technology need to serve these ends, not become ends in themselves.

Government response

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

Pick one:

yes

Optional comment

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?

The Government's policy plans to meet emission budgets should be comprehensive, fair, cost-effective, environmentally sustainable, and reflect a commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi. There should be a priority to assist the poor and lower income sections of our society.

Climate Change Commission

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?

Pick one:

yes

Optional comment

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

Pick one:

advising the Government on policy settings in the NZ ETS

The Commission should advise the Government

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?

Pick one:

yes

A qualified yes. The Government's objectives of sustainability, good leadership, and just and inclusive plans need to be a condition for membership as well as the commissioners having particular sector expertise. Someone needs to speak for what is a wise response for the civil society of this and future generations.

Public health is also omitted.

Adapting to the impacts of climate change

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

Pick one:

yes

Yes. This may require a separate adaptation sub-committee within the Climate Commission.

15. The Government has proposed a number of new [functions](#) to help us adapt to climate change. Do you agree with the proposed functions?

Pick one:

yes

Optional comment

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?

Pick one:

yes

The challenge before us is to engage society at all levels, and to require all institutions, including education, commerce, religious, cultural, and so on. eg The Treasury should be required to respond to advising not just on finance but the climate change imperatives.