



# Submissions form

We seek your feedback on the specific proposals in the Zero Carbon Bill.

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Submitter type, pick one:

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

- 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.

**Optional comment**

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

Pick one:

- net zero carbon dioxide:** Reducing net carbon dioxide emissions to zero by 2050
- net zero long-lived gases and stabilised short-lived gases:** Long-lived gases to net zero by 2050, while also stabilising short-lived gases
- X net zero emissions:** Net zero emissions across all greenhouse gases by 2050.

**Optional comment**

Let's not do things halfway. If we are going to do this let's really do this and show the world how forward thinking and green New Zealand really is.

2. How should New Zealand meet its targets?

Pick one:

- X domestic emissions reductions only (including from new forest planting)
- domestic emissions reductions (including from new forest planting) and using some emissions reductions from overseas (international carbon units) that have strong environmental safeguards.

**Optional comment**

**Let's learn from the ETS issue and not depend on something overseas. Let us fix our backyard and use that to make the planet better.**

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

Pick one:

- yes
- X no.

**Optional comment**

I do not trust future governments from watering down this bill.

## Emissions budgets

4. 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:

- X yes
- no.

**Optional comment**

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

Pick one:

- yes, each incoming Government should have the option to review the third budget in the sequence
- yes, the third emissions budget should be able to be changed, but only when the subsequent budget is set
- X no, emissions budgets should not be able to be changed.

**Optional comment**

I am very nervous that future governments will not continue the good work which will be started now.

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

Pick one:

- yes
- x no.

**Optional comment**

7. 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:

- X yes  
 no.

**Optional comment**

I agree it should have the ability to make decisions and not just advisory.

## Government response

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

Pick one:

- X yes  
 no.

**Optional comment**

9. 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?

**Comment**

I am VERY concerned that so far I have not seen any carrot or stick to make sure all of these nice budgets work. If there is no repercussions for not doing the right thing I just do not understand how we think the status quo will change. There must be some form incentives to do the right thing and negative repercussions for not doing the right thing. Otherwise this is all very academic but not very realistic.

How will businesses and government be audited? By using a third party auditor using ISO 14064? Or will a Government agency do this? I presume we will not just take a businesses report on face value. Right? There must be some way to actually ensure these businesses are doing what they are saying they are doing to some form of accepted standard.

## Climate Change Commission

10. 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  
 X no.

### Optional comment

It should have decision making powers. Do not limit it. This is super important and needs to be dealt with now with some strength.

11. 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  
 X makes decisions itself, in respect of the number of units available in the NZ ETS.

### Optional comment

Someone has to make the NZ ETS work the way it was intended. Why not see if this commission can do something!!

12. 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:

- X yes  
 no.

### Optional comment

And not just NZ expertise. Try and get internationally trained and knowledgeable people and respect their experience.

## Adapting to the impacts of climate change

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

Pick one:

- X yes  
 no

**Optional comment**

14. 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:

- X yes  
 no.

**Optional comment**

15. 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:

- X yes  
 no.

**Optional comment**

Only by knowing this will the rest of population understand what is happening to local organisations.