

# 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?

### Notes

Layman - not qualified to answer this

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3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?

### Notes

New forest planting only a stopgap measure - every tree planted will one day burn/rot as timber and return its carbon to the atmosphere. Also, forest land will be needed for settlement as climate change refugees start arriving. Solar energy MUST be fully exploited. (see Stonefields development in Auckland - 8000 roofs and ZERO solar panels, neither hot water nor photoelectric. This is madness. Make solar compulsory on all new dwellings and subsidise retrofitting. Include farming in emission reduction calculations and incentivise diversification away from livestock.

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

### Position

Yes

### Notes

Who knows what technology the future will bring???

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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

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

### Position

No - emissions budgets should not be able to be changed

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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

Transport and heating (electricity generation via solar), de-escalating livestock farming in favour of horticulture and organics.

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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**

But it should also have a strong focus on mitigation, given that the seas will rise regardless.

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

**Position**

Yes

**Notes**

Stupid question. Of course it should. No brainer

**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?

**Notes**

What layman can answer this?

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Do you have any other comments you'd like to make?

**Notes**

Provisions need to be set in stone against the risk of any future National/Act government coming to power.

**Supporting documents from your Submission**

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