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

Position
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

Notes
Provided that the Commission is open to any future changes to scientific knowledge.

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

Position
Net Zero Carbon Dioxide - Reducing net carbon dioxide emissions to zero by 2050

Notes
The target must exclude enteric methane and other agricultural emissions as much as possible - in years to come food production will become a priority.

Clause 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
Benefits from plantation forestry, as opposed to regenerating natural forest, are dubious. Purchase of international credits will buy NZ more time in which to make appropriate decisions.

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

Position
Yes

Notes
We live in interesting times. Anything is possible - war, plague and other upheavals. NZ's contribution to global emission is so small (0.17%) as to be insignificant. It would be foolish to commit NZ to a target that was either unachievable or damaging out of proportion to the benefits accruing.

Clause 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
No

Notes

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

Position
Yes - each incoming Government should have the option to review the third budget in the sequence

Notes
All NZ law is subject to the whims of Parliament, which is in turn answerable to the electorate, at intervals of not more than three years. To presume that the present electorate or parliament is more knowledgeable or superior to those that come later is extreme arrogance.

Clause 7. Should the Government have the ability to review and adjust the second emissions budget within a specific range under
**Exceptional circumstances?** See p36 Our Climate Your Say

**Position**
Yes

**Notes**
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**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**
No

**Notes**

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

**Position**
No

**Notes**

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**Clause**
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**
The government may set the plans, but it will be over to the private sector to implement them, and absorb or pass on associated costs. High compliance costs may threaten the survival of some business sectors. It will need to be a function of government to assess the value of various sectors to NZ, and apply emissions credits accordingly. Transport and agriculture, for example, could be awarded a higher priority than tourism.

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**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**

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**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**
Advising the Government on policy settings in the NZ ETS

**Notes**
The Commission should have no role at all other than advisory - all decisions should be the prerogative of the government of the day.

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**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**
At least two of the proposed commissioners should have demonstrable practical experience in land management.

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

**Position**
No

**Notes**

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**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

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