

# 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

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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

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3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?

### Position

Domestic emissions reductions only (including from new forest planting)

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

### Position

No

### Notes

Only to move forward the time when net zero carbon dioxide needs to be reached (i.e. earlier) if the science determines this to be necessary.

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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

These need to be transparent and based on scientific knowledge, global leadership and international fairness.

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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

Again, only to make these budgets more ambitious or to bring the timeline forward if it becomes apparent that the existing budget is insufficient.

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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

No

### Notes

Again, only to make these budgets more ambitious or to bring the timeline forward if it becomes apparent that the existing budget is insufficient.

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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****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**

Scientific knowledge, other international governments and leaders, iwi, community leaders.

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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****Clause**

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

**Position**

Yes

**Notes**

The climate commission will be well placed to advise on adaption, but this should not overshadow or reduce in any way our commitment to emissions reductions.