

# Your submission to Zero Carbon Bill

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**Submitter Type:** Individual

**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**

**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**

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

**Position**

Yes

**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**

**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**

**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**

Yes

**Notes**

**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**

**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**

**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****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**

Ag science and business voices must be included in any commission

**Clause**

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

**Position**

Yes

**Notes****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

**Position**

Yes

**Notes****Clause**

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

**Notes**

Nowhere in the report did I see a mention of the role soil carbon plays. Moving forward it is essential any carbon budgeting done factors in the role soil carbon can play in fighting climate change. Conversely carbon budgeting done on forests must factor in the true sequestration levels as large volumes of forestry debris/slash are left on the ground eventually breaking down into CO2. The Zero Carbon Bill must also consider the impact that large scale conversion to exotic forestry has on small rural communities as witnessed recently in Tolaga Bay. It also must consider the effect of turning productive pastoral land which is currently sequestering carbon into the soil into carbon forestry which would see large scale loss of employment and economic activity in rural NZ. Moving forward large scale afforestation leads to the risk of forest fires. If we have our carbon forests go up in smoke then all the effort in establishing that carbon forest was in vain as all the carbon sequestered will end up in the atmosphere. Let's empower our primary producers to become more carbon efficient in their production and make meaningful change that enhances New Zealand's mana and shows the world a better way of doing things

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