

# 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

Science sets out the extreme risk of not acting as quickly as possible with unequivocal legislation to give future generations world wide a chance to continue all possible strategies to prevent the looming tipping point from melting icecaps and subsequent sea level rise.

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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

#### Notes

Do as much as scientists and experts suggest. Science says this is a small opportunity to halt the extreme consequences of rapid climate change. o

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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

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

#### Position

Yes

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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

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

#### Position

Yes - the third emissions budget should be able to be changed but only when the subsequent budget is set

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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

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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

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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**

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12. What role do you think the Climate Change Commission should have in relation to the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme (NZ ETS)?

**Position**

Makes decisions itself in respect of the number of units available in the NZ ETS

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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**

Yes

**Notes**

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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?

**Position**

Yes

**Notes**