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
   Governments come and go - set it in “concrete” now while there’s a will to do this.

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 only (including from new forest planting)
   Notes
   We need to take responsibility for ourselves

Clause
4. Should the Zero Carbon Bill allow the 2050 target to be revised if circumstances change?
   Position
   Yes
   Notes
   But I hope not more leniently

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
   Yes
   Notes

Clause
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
   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
9. Should the Zero Carbon Bill require Governments to set out plans within a certain timeframe to achieve the emissions budgets?
   Position
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 science community Gen Zero (or similar committed and knowledgeable young people whose future we must protect) Māori Local government Existing community groups with good environmental constitutions/kaupapa and practices Forestry industry Tourism industry The oil and motor industries and others with vested interests

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
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
Knowledge is vital to correct policy formulation as a basis for action

Clause
Do you have any other comments you’d like to make?

Notes
This Bill cannot come fast enough