

# 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 Long-Lived Gases and Stabilised Short-Lived Gases - Long-lived gases to net zero by 2050 while also stabilising short-lived gases

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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

### Notes

I'd expect international negotiations to continue over how our world can best respond to the climate-change issues; I'd expect our government to be an active and constructive participant in these negotiations; and I'd expect our government to adjust its laws and targets to move toward the forefront (rather than be a laggard, as at present) of international responses. For example: it is feasible to distinguish agricultural emissions of methane from "fossil fuel" emissions of methane and also from other major emission sources (e.g. landfills); there may be sound scientific reasons to make this distinction when calculating our world's progress toward stabilising (and then reducing!) our atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>; other nations may or may not agree that this is appropriate (and it would certainly be in NZ's narrow self-interest to privilege agricultural emissions of methane over other sources); and our laws and targets should adjust as required to reflect any international consensus on this particular issue.

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

### Notes

? I don't understand how it would be possible for any Government to create a budget that cannot be changed by any later Government (or even by itself!), except by enshrining it in a constitutional document -- and that's far out of scope for this consultation!

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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**

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**

Advising the Government on policy settings in the NZ ETS

**Notes**

Our current ETS is an embarrassment on the international stage, and domestically for anyone who believes (as I do) that its increasingly-thin coating of greenwash is an entirely inadequate response. I think the most important role for the Climate Change Commission would be to advocate for adequate & appropriate responses by all NZ actors: governmental, for-profit organisations, not-for-profit organisations, and individuals.

**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**

Yes

**Notes**

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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**

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**