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

Clause 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

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
... as long as those overseas carbon units are genuine offsets and the safeguards are stringent.

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

Position
Yes

Notes
In the case of major events, such as natural disasters or pandemics.

Clause 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

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
As in qn 4, only in the case of major events, such as natural disasters or pandemics.

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

Notes
I'd like to see mention of global best practice consultation in terms of reducing emissions, and also would be great to see reviews of minimum housing/building requirements (exploring the impact of passive housing) and transport design included.

Clause 9.
Should the Zero Carbon Bill require Governments to set out plans within a certain timeframe to achieve the emissions budgets?
... with the ability to fast-track as and when new emissions-reducing technologies come into being.

**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**

An exploration of housing/building practice with a mind to raising minimum standards for energy-passive design; incentives for low-emission self-generation (reducing prohibitive cost of e.g. solar and removing penalties for 'over' generation); smart, low-emissions transport planning and design; electric vehicle subsidies. Also, addressing suppliers in the electricity sector: ownership, number of, generation type, responsibility and profit models.

**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**

Makes decisions itself in respect of the number of units available 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**

Yes

**Notes**

**Clause**

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

**Position**

No

**Notes**