# 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 Carbon Dioxide - Reducing net carbon dioxide emissions to zero by 2050

**Notes**  
short-lived gasses (methane) remain a major problem because they are constantly produced by agriculture and have a much higher negative impact per molecule

## Clause 3
How should New Zealand meet its targets?

**Position**  
Domestic emissions reductions only (including from new forest planting)

**Notes**  
We must take responsibility for our actions and set an example for the world.

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

**Position**  
Yes

**Notes**

## 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**  
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**
However, factors such as “economic circumstances” need extreme caution. Changing our activity regarding the climate requires changes to our economic and business motivation. We will need to see significant shifts in the way we prioritise and do business to ensure carbon emission and other environmental issues are not put in second place to dollar earnings.

**Clause 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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**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?

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**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

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

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| 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

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

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| 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

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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?

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