

# 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

A combination of both answers. The Government should set a target now for net zero emissions by 2050. They should not set the more ambiguous target of net zero emissions by the "second half of the century" which could mean 2099. The Climate Change Commission should advise on specific targets in the lead up to 2050.

### 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

We need to set ambitious goals to create real change.

### 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

A combination could be used but its important not to rely on international carbon units as this would mean NZ would miss out on opportunities to innovate and improve the sustainability of our economy in the coming age of net zero emissions.

### Clause

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

### Position

Yes

### Notes

I believe in flexibility but this should not be at the expense of real attempts to decrease our emissions and create a more sustainable economy

### 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

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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

### Notes

The budget should only be changed within a range as advised by the Climate Change Commission

### 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

No

### 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**

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**

Yes

**Notes****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**

Consider their effect on all NZers including Iwi. Te Tiriti should be a major consideration. The Government should also consider international reputation and that many countries will be looking to ours to see how we achieve our goals.

**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**

Advising the Government on policy settings 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**

This is a separate issue in my view. This particular bill should focus completely on mitigation rather than adaptation

**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

**Position**

No

**Notes**

Don't try and do too much with one bill. A separate "Climate Change Adaptation" bill should be proposed.

**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**

Yes but don't include within this bill.

**Clause**

Do you have any other comments you'd like to make?

**Notes**

This is a incredible opportunity for Parliament to create robust and sustainable climate change legislation which will form the basis for how we shape New Zealand's economy for the next half century. The implications are important, far-reaching and could set New Zealand up to be a key international leader as the world looks to move to low/negative emissions economies. The world will be watching so we need to get this right!