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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
Target needs to be included in legislation so it is not subject to the winds of politics.

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 a bold vision, and work to achieve this through research and innovation, particularly in the agricultural sector.

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
With the bold plan we may need initially to meet targets use international credits. But these must be above board and verifiable. This also provides a way for small countries to assist each other to achieve their climate goals.

Clause 4. Should the Zero Carbon Bill allow the 2050 target to be revised if circumstances change?
Position
No
Notes
Though perhaps the 5-year targets could be adjusted to allow for progress to be slowed due to earthquakes or other natural disasters.

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
Required for planning by business, farmers and the transportation sector.

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
But I qualify by saying if they were going be more ambitious and leading to faster emissions reduction I would be OK with that, but not if they were to going to be less ambitious, slowing down progress.

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 long as the exceptional circumstances were exceptional - natural disaster or similar unforeseen event when setting target (e.g. war, financial crisis).

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
   Clear short-term targets are needed to hit the long-term goal.

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 fishing and aquaculture industry must also be part of the consultation as high CO2 also results in ocean acidification which affects them.

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
   But with the awareness that climate change is also an issue for the oceans so have that expertise covered by one of the members.

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

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
   Yes
   Notes

Clause
16. Should we explore setting up a targeted adaptation reporting power that could see some organisations share information on their
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**Notes**
We should all be helping each other to achieve the bold targets that the bill sets. We are all in this together.

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<td>The Government is to be commended for taking this much needed step to address the importance of climate change. Be bold in the target goal and work towards that through innovation - e.g. blue carbon, growing seaweeds etc. Win-win as provide economic benefits at the same time and as a country we can produce “premium” agricultural, horticultural and aquaculture products using the “Zero Carbon” approach in branding.</td>
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