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

**Notes**
The short-lived gases should be stabilised and reduced to a lower target - although not zero.

**Clause**
3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?

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

**Notes**

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

**Position**
No

**Notes**
Because otherwise a change of government could change the target to make it easier for them - suiting themselves but not the long-term good of the country and world.

**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**
No - emissions budgets should not be able to be changed

**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**
No

**Notes**
I would agree yes - but I don't trust if there's a change of government - they'll just say it's exceptional

**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

Yes

Notes

Clause
9. Should the Zero Carbon Bill require Governments to set out plans within a certain timeframe to achieve the emissions budgets?

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?

Notes
That the government doesn't do too many things, unpopular with the majority of people [everything must be explained properly and argued for -against the Opposition], so it's not voted out, and the next government just ignores all this hard work, and changes targets/budgets.

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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

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)?

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

Yes

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

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

Yes

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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?

Yes

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Clause
Do you have any other comments you'd like to make?
This is the most important issue facing the world at present, and NZ should lead the world if possible - like it did on votes for woman, and the nuclear-free issue. We need to provide an good example and do the right thing. It does have to be achievable and practical - and the government does have to take the country with them [many still don't understand how urgent this is] - they need major press conferences [and support from Canada, France and other young leaders] explaining why, and what we're doing [maybe Jacinda can bring Neve to the press conference and get the world's attention - this is for her generation!].