

# Your submission to Zero Carbon Bill

## Reference no: 12019

**Submitter Type:** Individual

### Clause

1. What process should the Government use to set a new emissions reduction target in legislation?

### Position

The Government sets a goal to reach net zero emissions by the second half of the century and the Climate Change Commission advises on the specific target for the Government to set later

### Notes

I would prefer to leave more time for the research to become clearer around what is the appropriate way to deal with methane. And specifically for this science to be well communicated to the public and understood and accepted by those it affects, before it becomes law. Otherwise I'm concerned that there will be low buy-in and the resentment between rural and urban communities will grow, which would be very counter-productive.

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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

It makes more sense to me that the different gases should be treated differently in law, since their sources and effects are very different. I'm concerned that a blanket approach may be chosen that will not ultimately be fair or effective, based on intuitions rather than science.

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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

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

### Position

Yes

### Notes

I'm sure you can find a way to commit to the general goal while leaving room to adjust as appropriate as new information comes to light.

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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

This sounds really helpful for businesses to be able to plan for the future with some idea of what's to come.

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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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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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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

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

**Position**

Yes

**Notes**

**You have elected to withhold your personal details from publication.**