



# Submissions form

We seek your feedback on the specific proposals in the Zero Carbon Bill.

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- School
- Community Group
- Unspecified / Other

## 2050 target

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

Pick one:

- the Government sets a 2050 target in legislation now
- 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.

### Optional comment

The opportunity cost on business and the social structure has been shown – Australia tried to do this 8 years ago – is too great and a slower transitions should be made.

2. If the Government sets a 2050 target now, which is the best target for New Zealand?

Pick one:

- net zero carbon dioxide:** Reducing net carbon dioxide emissions to zero by 2050
- net zero long-lived gases and stabilised short-lived gases:** Long-lived gases to net zero by 2050, while also stabilising short-lived gases
- net zero emissions:** Net zero emissions across all greenhouse gases by 2050.
- None of the above as the time frame is too short**

**Optional comment**

Really there should have been an option of none of the above as you are forcing those who want to make a submission into your own view that 2050 is the target year. This is not feasible and so the submission should have been more open

3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?

Pick one:

- domestic emissions reductions only (including from new forest planting)
- domestic emissions reductions (including from new forest planting) and using some emissions reductions from overseas (international carbon units) that have strong environmental safeguards.

**Optional comment**

If the Government is going to ban NZ gas it will have to import some and that is where this strategy falls down. Because to import economically then the gas may have to come from international countries that don't have the same standards as NZ desires

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

Pick one:

- yes
- no.

**Optional comment**

## Emissions budgets

5. The Government proposes that three emissions budgets of five years each (ie, covering the next 15 years) be in place at any given time. Do you agree with this proposal?

Pick one:

- yes
- no.

**Optional comment**

Insufficient information – depends on the size of the budget. Its been shown in Germany for example where subsidies are paid for alternative energy forms that when the subsidies finish so does the alternative energy as it was not sustainable without the subsidy

6. Should the Government be able to alter the last emissions budget (ie, furthest into the future)?

Pick one:

- yes, each incoming Government should have the option to review the third budget in the sequence
- yes, the third emissions budget should be able to be changed, but only when the subsequent budget is set
- no, emissions budgets should not be able to be changed.

**Optional comment**

This is a no brainer; of course Governments should have the ability to alter budgets.

7. Should the Government have the ability to review and adjust the second emissions budget within a specific range under [exceptional circumstances](#)?

Pick one:

- yes
- no.

**Optional comment**

It shouldn't be exceptional circumstances it should be n an annual basis

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?

Pick one:

- yes
- no.

**Optional comment**

## Government response

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

Pick one:

yes

no.

**Optional comment**

What a nonsense sort of question is this - plans and timeframes must be set if emissions budgets are to be achieved, The timeframe of 2050 is too short which is what I have said in the earlier comments areas

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?

**Comment**

The opportunity costs must be built realistically into any proposals. Then how these costs will be mitigated must be included and realistically and pragmatically assessed.

## Climate Change Commission

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?

Pick one:

yes

no.

**Optional comment**

This is just setting up another bureaucracy and it will create work but will not achieve much as a bureaucracy can't in this field – if businesses want to be

involved then they will be as it will make good business sense. At the moment it doesn't

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

Pick one:

- advising the Government on policy settings in the NZ ETS
- makes decisions itself, in respect of the number of units available in the NZ ETS.

**Optional comment**

Since the later is inefficient and proven not to work why would a Climate Change Commission be able to interact realistically with it. There should be one body in charge of both

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?

Pick one:

- yes
- no.

**Optional comment**

## Adapting to the impacts of climate change

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

Pick one:

yes

no

**Optional comment**

15. The Government has proposed a number of new [functions](#) to help us adapt to climate change. Do you agree with the proposed functions?

Pick one:

yes

no.

**Optional comment**

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?

Pick one:

yes

no.

**Optional comment**