

# 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

This to include how it will be achieved and a transition path

### 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

Differentiate between long lived and short lived gases and achieve negative levels of long lived gases while reducing short lived gases to zero.

### Clause

3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?

### Position

Domestic emissions reductions only (including from new forest planting)

### Notes

The emissions from transport, industrial activities, agriculture and all other sources should be included in the target. There needs to be true cost carbon accounting that accounts for all externalities e.g industrial plantation forestry emits huge carbon loads through maintenance, harvesting, transport, effects on roads, etc which negate the sequestration benefits

### Clause

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

### Position

No

### Notes

Not for any economic convenience but only to improve the rates of carbon reduction and emission targets. Could be brought forward in response to new science which indicates further reductions for a safe climate

### 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

No

### Notes

As in 4 only to improve emissions reduction rates in response to major scientific knowledge.

### 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

As above.

### 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**  
As above

**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**

Yes I agree with all but they must not trump the reduction of cumulative emissions sufficient to avoid dangerous climate change and the greatest emission cuts to CO2 must occur in the first 10 years.

**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**

There must be set published time frames and a transition pathway after each budget is announced

**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**

Policy and plans must be equitable, comprehensive, ecologically sustainable, include a huge educational component across the whole of society and show a commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Need to help the community join the dots between their actions/choices and climate change and these be related to targets and budgets. Foster a spirit of achievability.

**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**

The government should be legally required to consider and formally respond to the Commission's advice and achieve targets. It also has the role of watchdog and must publish progress reports

**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**

In addition to those listed "resource economics" must include ecological economics and true cost accounting. The Commission also requires experts who understand ecological impacts of implementation plans and experts in systems thinking and bio feedback.

**Clause**

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

**Position**

Yes

**Notes**

Yes, in order to prepare for impacts that can't be avoided. A National Adaptation Plan needs to be developed and clear and consistent directions given to local government. Again this requires an extensive education component.

**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 exposure to climate change risks?

**Position**

Yes

**Notes**

**Clause**

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

**Notes**

Targets must be bold.