

# 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

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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

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3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?

### Position

Domestic emissions reductions only (including from new forest planting)

### Notes

Need to oblige though the legislative framework local bodies like Environment Canterbury to work in the mitigation space not just in adaptation. Change the way as a nation we look at economic activity. We cannot continue the (what I believe to be insane) reliance on GDP as a measure of how well our economy let alone our country is performing. Endless growth is not an option so we need to look really seriously at the alternative economic thinkers who already have so many of the answers to this, and make the essential paradigm shift in our thinking. Again the media need to have their consciousness raised in this as they parrot the current paradigm constantly and unashamedly making it very hard for those aware of the problem with this to get any cut through at all.

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

### Position

No

### Notes

I have put no as I worry about how the data will be analysed. If the targets are brought forward I would say yes to that. We may have to make some hard decisions to meet the targets and these must be faced not deferred.

### 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

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

### Position

Yes - the third emissions budget should be able to be changed but only when the subsequent budget is set

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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

Only to speed things up though not as a way to 'wobble out'

**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**

The most aggressive cuts to CO2 must be made in the first period of time though

**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****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**

Lower income people will need support including continuing awareness raising programmes. Media need to get out of their sometimes resistant approaches to this issue. They also need to think more about what balance actually means. They give far too much time and credence to the lunatic fringe in this issue. i.e. climate deniers. All groups who can make really significant impacts on climate by their own actions e.g. the farming community. This must be a topic that goes across all government portfolios. The impact on emissions and climate impacts of all we do as a nation.

**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****Clause**

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

**Position**

Yes

**Notes**

Not at the expense of mitigation though.

**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**