

# Your submission to Zero Carbon Bill

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**Submitter Type:** Iwi/Māori

**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**

**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**

This can only be achieved by changes to our agriculture system. It is essential that we move from animal agriculture to plant-based agriculture. MPI's report shows that plant-based alternatives exist now, and many Kiwis thrive on a plant-based diet including myself and my peers. A safe and liveable atmosphere is far more important than continuing destructive animal agriculture. At a minimum the government should set a target of net zero emissions across all GHG.

**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**

Yes

**Notes**

**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**

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

**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**

Yes

**Notes**

**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****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**

Transition support for animal agriculture farmers moving to plant-based agriculture.

**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**

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

It is of critical importance that members of the Committee do not have any conflict of interest, ties or proximity of any kind with industries notorious for their greenhouse gas emissions, in particular animal agriculture and energy. The committee candidates: • working or having worked with, consulted for, or received money (as individuals or organisations) from, the energy animal agriculture sector (among others) • contributing of having contributed to these industries interests • otherwise biased in their favour, or influenced by their positions should be strictly excluded as candidates for the Committee. Candidates should go through a strict and independent selection process. They should pledge to not have any such ties or biases or history with relevant GHG-emitting industry sectors, and practice full disclosure of any conflict of interest with industry. Given New Zealand's history with conflict of interest, this applies first and foremost to the animal agriculture sector.

**Clause**

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

**Position**

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

**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**

We MUST end animal based agriculture in New Zealand in favour of suitable and sustainable plant-based agriculture systems

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