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

Clause
2. If the Government sets a 2050 target now, which is the best target for New Zealand?
   Position
   Net Zero Carbon Dioxide - Reducing net carbon dioxide emissions to zero by 2050
   Notes
   Not aggressive enough!

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3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?
   Position
   Domestic emissions reductions only (including from new forest planting)
   Notes

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

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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

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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
   Notes

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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

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 Businesses and transport companies to exit fossil fuels as soon as possible.

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 I don't think ETS works effectively.

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

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 I think that wood that NZ wastes as slash plus the contaminated wood that is landfilled could be processed into solid, liquid and gas fuels with recovery of Cu Cr and As using hydrolysis and other technologies that should be core to the NZ economy. We should be able to fulfill all our hydrocarbon requirements including methanex from farmed biomass given our population and climate together with the Engineering solutions already available or in commercialization process.