

# 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

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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)

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

### Position

Yes

### Notes

Only in extreme circumstances, for example bringing the date forward in response to accelerating climate change.

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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

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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 in exceptional circumstances, ie not to be expected, otherwise it would be destabilising in relation to longer-term planning.

### 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**

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

**Position**

Yes

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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**

The Government will need to work alongside other countries embracing a similar approach to climate change, maintaining a dialogue on the latest scientific and technological advances, and any new and unforeseen impacts of climate change. The Government will obviously need to work with financial institutions to ensure that they are geared for change, and that the required funding can be made available without damaging the economy. The Government needs to encourage, and keep informed, regarding relevant and applicable research from NZ research institutes, universities and businesses. The Government will need to maintain a dialogue with the transport and power industries in regard to what is possible in regard to minimising emissions, and what change is required to achieve it. In relation to transport, better provision of good, low-emission (eg electric) public transport would appear to be the way to go. The Government also needs to provide support to those involved in industries which are likely to be particularly challenged by the need to change, for example, farmers and those in the mining industry. The Government needs to talk to and obtain buy in from the general population, by providing leadership and showing the benefits of the changes for them, both in the long term and short term. This could be through education, and through the encouragement of beneficial lifestyle changes. For example, everyone with a garden can work to improve soil, thereby sinking carbon and making a small contribution to the solution. Community and shared gardens can also be encouraged for those without land, and these help build community, as well as providing food and recreation. The Government would need to work with the social sector and support groups to ensure those who are most vulnerable are supported through the changes. If these are well managed, they could lead to an improved quality of life for everyone, through warmer and drier homes, better external environment and stronger community.

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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**

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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**

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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

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

**Notes**

The changes required to prevent/minimise climate change could be presented as having benefits to everyone in both the long and short term, and enable us to more truly personify our 'clean and green' image.