



Submissions form

We seek your feedback on the specific proposals in the Zero Carbon Bill.

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2050 target

1. What process should the Government use to set a new emissions reduction target in legislation?

Pick one:

- the Government sets a 2050 target in legislation now
- 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.

Optional comment

2. If the Government sets a 2050 target now, which is the best target for New Zealand?

Pick one:

- net zero carbon dioxide:** Reducing net carbon dioxide emissions to zero by 2050
- net zero long-lived gases and stabilised short-lived gases:** Long-lived gases to net zero by 2050, while also stabilising short-lived gases
- net zero emissions:** Net zero emissions across all greenhouse gases by 2050.

Optional comment

3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?

Pick one:

domestic emissions reductions only (including from new forest planting)

domestic emissions reductions (including from new forest planting) and using some emissions reductions from overseas (international carbon units) that have strong environmental safeguards.

Optional comment

Need to factor in more than just forest planting – credit given to grass and all other plants also.

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

Pick one:

yes

no.

Optional comment

New science and ideas are always coming in so need the ability to adapt

Emissions budgets

5. The Government proposes that three emissions budgets of five years each (ie, covering the next 15 years) be in place at any given time. Do you agree with this proposal?

Pick one:

yes

no.

Optional comment

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

Pick one:

yes, each incoming Government should have the option to review the third budget in the sequence

- yes, the third emissions budget should be able to be changed, but only when the subsequent budget is set
- no, emissions budgets should not be able to be changed.

Optional comment

7. Should the Government have the ability to review and adjust the second emissions budget within a specific range under exceptional circumstances?

Pick one:

- yes
- no.

Optional comment

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?

Pick one:

- yes
- no.

Optional comment

Believe the Commission should only have an advisory role to the government.

Government response

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

Pick one:

- yes
- no.

Optional comment

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?

Comment

Economy is number one. Work with the producers, farmers, transport operators – those who will be affected the most. Also the banks – those who lend the money to the above.

Climate Change Commission

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?

Pick one:

yes

no.

Optional comment

Should only have advisory.

12. What role do you think the Climate Change Commission should have in relation to the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme (NZ ETS)?

Pick one:

advising the Government on policy settings in the NZ ETS

makes decisions itself, in respect of the number of units available in the NZ ETS.

Optional comment

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?

Pick one:



- yes
- no.

Optional comment

Business leaders need to be involved also – especially of the targeted industries, especially as they will be expected (no doubt) to fund the changes.

Adapting to the impacts of climate change

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

Pick one:

- yes
- no

Optional comment

It is part of the package.

15. The Government has proposed a number of new functions to help us adapt to climate change. Do you agree with the proposed functions?

Pick one:

- yes
- no.

Optional comment

I couldn't find the functions to comment on it

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?

Pick one:

- yes
- no.

Optional comment



My concern with setting up a Climate Change Commission is that it will focus on one or two industries and not everyone. One aspect that is not talked about is the increase in the world's population – creating bigger demand for commodities, larger cities (which on their own are urban heat islands) and more mouths to feed. It is too easy to point the finger at those who are trying to meet those demands. Many industries (eg farmers) have already been adapting and modifying the way they do things and have reduced their emissions over the last few years and at their own costs – something to be celebrated.

Whatever happens it needs to be sustainable and act on proven science. Our economy must continue to grow. NZ is a small part of the world so what we do will have negligible impact. The larger countries need to be leading the charge on climate change not us – otherwise it is a wasted effort.