

SUBMISSIONS FORM

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2050 TARGET

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

The government sets a target for an earlier date than 2050 now, we don't have any time to lose.

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

net zero emissions: Net zero emissions across all greenhouse gases

3. - **How should New Zealand meet its targets?**

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

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

No

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?**

Yes

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

Yes

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

No

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?**

Yes provided they effectively limit the use of international units and the natural environment is adequately protected / allowed to adapt to environmental changes

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

Yes, at the earliest practical date

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?**

Fossil subsidies removed; Whole of Government; incentives to encourage uptake of clean energy;

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?

The Commission must be more than an advisory agency, it is important that it has some statutory function and ability to guide and influence policy on climate change

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

A decision making role to reduce emissions

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?

The main function of the Commission is to ensure the target is met and that ancillary aspects such as community engagement and communications are not really a core activity

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

Yes

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

Yes

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?

Yes