

# Submissions form

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Submitter type, pick one:

+Individual

- NGO
- Business / Industry
- Local Government
- Central Government
- Iwi / Māori
- University
- Research Institute
- School
- Community Group
- Unspecified / Other

## 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

If the IPCC guidelines prove incorrect and ice melt is faster than anticipated, then a safer, earlier target date of 2040 should be adopted.

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**

**Buying credits from overseas is only putting off the inevitable that eventually we have to work towards a total transition to a greenhouse-gas free environment and economy.**

**And it will be much easier for a country like NZ with the amount of natural resources we have to utilise.**

**But also, we have to scrutinise our current methods of agriculture and forestry.**

**There needs to be support for more sustainable methods of agriculture and horticulture and include more bio-diversity.**

**Forestry – yes plant more trees – but research which species are best in which areas and remove commercial forestry from ‘vulnerable’ areas which should be planted with permanent species. And address the major problem of debris/slash left with commercial forestry especially with more frequent storm events now from climate change.**

**And the problem of sedimentation in our waterways, rivers and estuaries.**

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

Pick one:

- yes

+no.

**Optional comment**

I can't envisage what circumstances this would be. Scientists have given us the facts and we just need to get on with preparing for the transition asap.

The more time we allow for a pro-active transition, the easier it will be for everyone.

## 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**

With public scrutiny and only for tightening the budget.

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**

But only for tightening the budget.

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**

## 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

Plans for how the government will achieve the emissions budgets and include its plans for pathways for transitioning.

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

It will be essential to liaise with Local Government / councils – many of whom are already well aware of the residential / industry / infrastructure in their communities that are vulnerable and being affected now with more frequent storm events.

There should be a 'Managed Retreat' Plan for local communities under threat.

And take into consideration, those in our economy who will be most affected by transitional change.

## 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

If the government strays from the Commission's advice, then it should publicly respond and provide reasons why.

And the Commission should have an independent 'watchdog' role giving progress reports and documenting any problems.

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**

As long as this advice is made public.

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**

## 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**

Definitely. We desperately need vision and a plan for adaptation and transition for citizens, industry and infrastructure.

The government should set a National Adaptation Plan with clear direction and provision for consultation with local government to help co-ordinate response across all sectors and including iwi and hapu.

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**

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**

This could help identify those in most need of transition and what they need to help them achieve this.

Also, organisations may be able to help each other with ideas and what is working for them as they transition.