

Consultation on the Zero Carbon Bill

2050 Target

1. What process should the Government use to set a new emissions target in legislation?
2. The Government sets a 2050 target now, which is the best target for NZ?
3. How should NZ meet its targets?
4. Should the Zero Carbon Bill allow the 2050 target to be revised if circumstances change?

Emissions Budgets

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?
6. Should the Government be able to alter the last emissions budget (i.e. furthest into the future)?
7. Should the government have the ability to review and adjust the second emissions budget within a specific range under exceptional circumstances?
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?

Government Response

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

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?

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

Adapting to the impacts of climate change

14. Do you think the Zero Carbon Bill should cover adapting to climate change?
15. The Government has proposed a number of new functions to help us adapt to climate change. Do you agree with the proposed functions?
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?

No.