

# House of Representatives

# Supplementary Order Paper

Wednesday, 6 November 2019

## Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill

### *Proposed amendments*

Hon Scott Simpson, in Committee, to move the following amendments:

#### *Clause 8*

In *clause 8*, replace *new section 50* (page 12, line 33 to page 13, line 13) with:

#### **50 Target for 2050**

- (1) The target for emissions reduction (the **2050 target**) requires that—
  - (a) net accounting emissions of greenhouse gases in a calendar year, other than biogenic methane, are zero by the calendar year beginning on 1 January 2050 and for each subsequent calendar year; and
  - (b) emissions of biogenic methane in a calendar year are at a level of impact on atmospheric temperature equivalent to zero carbon for other gases by the calendar year beginning on 1 January 2050 and for each subsequent calendar year.
- (2) The target for emissions of biogenic methane under **subsection (1)(b)** is to be set by Order in Council made under **section 50AAB(1)**

#### **50AAA Commission to advise 2050 target for biogenic methane**

- (1) The Commission must, no later than 31 December 2021, provide advice to the Minister on an appropriate 2050 target for biogenic methane under **section 50(1)(b)**.
- (2) In providing advice under **subsection (1)** on an appropriate 2050 target for biogenic methane, the Commission must—

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- (a) have regard to a science-based assessment of the impact that different additional greenhouse gases will have on average global temperatures; and
- (b) rely on the most up-to-date, relevant, accurate, and credible scientific evidence available.

**50AAB Order in Council to set 2050 target for biogenic methane**

- (1) The Governor-General may, by Order in Council made on the recommendation of the Minister, make regulations for the purpose of setting a 2050 target for biogenic methane under **section 50(1)(b)**.
- (2) Before recommending that an Order in Council be made under **subsection (1)**, the Minister must consider advice provided by the Commission under **section 5OAAA**.

In *clause 8, new section 5R(1)*, after “under **section 50A or 5Q**,” (page 14, line 32), insert “or advice under **section 5OAAA**,”.

### **Explanatory note**

This Supplementary Order Paper amends the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill. The amendment is intended to allow the Minister to adjust the methane target in line with advice received from the Climate Change Commission.

*New section 5OAAA* states that the Commission must provide initial advice on a biogenic methane target, and sets the terms of reference for this advice. We prefer terms of reference for the Commission that focus on understanding the level of methane emission reduction that will mean methane emissions no longer add to global warming, in a time frame consistent with a global 1.5°C pathway.