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Key recommendations

1. Strengthen the current targets (50% by 2030 and 100% by 2050) by:
 - a. Creating a ‘ratchet up’ clause that requires emissions not to increase more than the average of the last 2 years’, to avoid the potential for savings banked in early years allowing future governments to do less to adapt
 - b. Requiring the Net Zero Commissioner to lead research into detailed, sectoral and annual targets based on an evidence-based carbon budget, and to inform the 5 year reviews into this Act (including targets).
2. Either set sectoral targets, or requiring sectoral targets to be set in the regulations for the main contributing industries, for example:
 - a. A moving annual renewable energy target (as % of total transmission capacity), to reduce electricity emissions, the most polluting sector, and
 - b. A moving annual mode shift (away from cars and trucks), and electrification target for transport (as a % of remaining cars and trucks), to reduce transport emissions, the 2nd most polluting sector. The Climate Council indicates a 36% car mode share by 2030 is required by 2030 for transport to contribute its fair share to emissions reduction.
3. Enshrine in the Act the need to consider impact on these targets in government decisions including planning approvals – this would include taking into account Tier 3 emissions in all Department of Planning approvals, and considering whether for example concurrence for a new mine under environmental legislation will make achieving these targets more difficult. The Net Zero Commission could also be required to advise on all projects likely to increase emissions.