

Consultation on setting New Zealand's post-2020 climate change target



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Objectives for the contribution

Do you agree with these objectives for our contribution? Yes

1b. What is most important to you?

Cost and impact. I don't care how much it costs us to deal with this but it is a moral imperative. Stop talking. Start doing. We need a rapid transition starting today.

What would be a fair contribution for New Zealand?

2. What do you think the nature of New Zealand's emissions and economy means for the level of target that we set?

The dairy price is crashing. Downsize dairy. Upsize arable and forestry. promote mixed farming. Talk about population (its the elephant in the room).

How will our contribution affect New Zealanders?

3. What level of cost is appropriate for New Zealand to reduce it's greenhouse gas emissions? For example, what would be a reasonable reduction in annual household consumption?

There is no such thing as a reasonable reduction. This situation is at the point where it needs to be treated like war. If we don't we are screwed. There is no budget left to burn. None, nada, zip. 100% reduction in household emissions.

4. Of the opportunities for New Zealand to reduce its emissions (as outlined on page 15 of the discussion document), which do you think are the most likely to occur, or be most important for New Zealand?

We need to take a hit on agriculture. We can grow more grains and do our bit to "feed the world" that way. Our diets need to become more plant based we need protein from plants and carbohydrates from plants. Don't cut dairy completely but we can drop our methane emissions markedly. We need to slam consumerism because ts killing us. Get back to basics food, water shelter. We can still have comfortable, cultural lives without all the BS. We need strong leaders to get there (but we lack those as they are just too scared).

Summary

5. How should New Zealand take into account the future uncertainties of technologies and costs when setting its target?

Technology will aid certain areas of our lives but we can rely of technology to save us from this predicament. Most people don't give a crap about technology we are in a unique position in NZ that we already have lots of renewable

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energy. lets transform our farming systems using restorative agriculture to build soil and store carbon in the long term. It will be a herculean effort but it will produce jobs and allow us to have a resilient country going forward no matter what happens.

Other comments

6. Is there any further information you wish the Government to consider? Please explain.

Everyone needs to do their bit. Take a step back from our ridiculously wasteful lifestyles. New Zealand could lead the world we could downsize our lifestyles and still have a viable economy. At the moment its all about chasing the dollar and keeping up with the Joneses. if people were less focused on that we would be a hell of a lot better off but the change must be driven by strong leaders. The public must be informed about the true costs of inaction. This is WAR.

Sort out the leadership. I am disgusted by them - this from Parliament Tuesday:

Dr Russel Norman: "What exactly did treasury get wrong when it said that the cost to the Government of not cutting our greenhouse gas emissions was up to 52 billion?"

Hon TIM GROSER: "I think what Treasury got wrong was that it did not use sufficiently sophisticated software to conceal the redacted information".

Can YOU believe that? I had to look up 'redacted' just to make sure that I was reading this correctly and the definition is as follows: To select or adapt [as by obscuring or removing sensitive information] for publication or release.

If this is there attitude, all the policy analysts from MfE may as well just go home. Stand up with honesty and fight for you and your families.

You talked the right talk at the public meetings but there was just no passion or commitment. You as public servants should be storming parliament and shouting that you have the numbers the numbers look bad and we need to act fast. Get on with it.

A non-binding target is useless. You are wasting your time. Now is the time for action. Get on with it. we are fucked if you don't lead. Screw the Government this is way more important than anything humans have ever faced.

Sadley, internationally there is no hope for concensus. If New Zealand just does what it needs to do we can be a role model.; People/Governments worldwide will look at us and say: "if they can do it we can do it." The important thing to remember is that we need to downsize our lifestyles and expectations. This does not mean we need to sacrifice comfort. There are plenty of oportunities to do thsi, shift jobs to other sectors etc. Its better to do it now because this change will be forced on us in the very near future. Better to be already halfway there than getting slammed when the shit hits the fan.

There are plenty of options and opportunities we just need someone leading us who has the balls to do it. Something we currently do not have.