

# 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?

1. START NOW! Stop waiting and putting it off - just get underway now! Start reducing emissions - move towards a low carbon economy TODAY! 2. EDUCATION - give people the knowledge and they can make up their own minds. 3. STOP funding fossil fuel and start NZ funding tech and innovation and agriculture research. 4. Becoming 100% PURE

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?

Just set a target and start working towards it - let's be leaders and not followers. NZ is a country of innovative individuals - use our initiatives to make changes - put us under pressure to change and we will!

How will our contribution affect New Zealanders?

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

We need to stop being wasteful and start being the innovative NZ that this country used to be. Let's get CLEAN and GREEN. We want to reduce household consumption - there is no way I can tell you what I think is an appropriate amount - I am not a policy maker or in a position to get my head around this in terms of what you are talking about here. You are the ones paid to sort that out. I think we need go hard and set challenging targets - this is going to effect us all!

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?

A low carbon economy... let's move away from fossil fuels and supporting that industry - let's get imaginative and creative and use our knowledge and innovation to power (with the funds you lot are currently spending on "wining and dining" the fossil fuel greedy corporates and spend that money on our own start-ups and new technologies. Let's get into encouraging big industry to use solar and wind power, lets subsidize and get solar into people's homes and offices, let's get EVs (cars, buses and bikes) onto our roads. BE CREATIVE NEW ZEALAND! We have the power to do that!

Summary

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

Let's become a 100% renewable electricity generating country. We have wind and sun - let's use them! Let's get proud to be 100% renewable - then we can actually be proud of our "clean and green", 100% pure logo/image that you guys promote (despite this whole consultation being evidence that we are not!). Get EVs on the road - yes exemptions is a good encouragement. Yes- invest in research into agriculture mitigation technologies.

Other comments

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

Get out of the TPPA - that is NOT going to help our targets or enable us to meet anything we set if we become a completely open to trade country. Why is NZ still part of the "friends to fossil fuel group"? fund tech and innovation sectors not fossil fuel. Stop consulting on a flag and put some of that money into education on the impacts of climate change, on the potential impact on health and equity (oh that is right we don't know that yet - we haven't done the research!) So put money into researching the healthy and equity costs of significant climate change. PUT more money into education - primary, secondary, tertiary and in the business world - CC is impacting us all! Educate people and let them make up their own minds! Stop decoupling the economy from the environment and people - it is NOT segmented - the economy, the environment and our people - we are all interlinked and significant changes in one sector impact the others. Look at Denmark - they will be carbon free in a couple more years! why are we not being WORLD LEADERS and taking a challenge to be right up there - not the lame follower, doing the minimal we can possibly get away with - THIS is NEW ZEALAND! Be strong, be proud - LET'S BE CLEAN AND GREEN! and above all else - START NOW!!!!