

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?

That ambitious policies are implemented to ensure long term environmental sustainability. Costs should be calculated to include the long term impacts on society of wasting of resources and increase of catastrophic climate events.

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?

New Zealand is in a better position than most to move to a clean energy future. The impact that reducing emissions has on corporate profit can be offset by efficiencies in other ways if an overall policy of a clean energy future is implemented. New Zealand should set ambitious policies to reduce the environmental impact of industry and transport as part of a vision for a low carbon future which the whole population can get behind. We should therefore set a high target to show commitment to a clean energy future. 40% has been shown to be possible.

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?

It is meaningless to talk about cost without talking about the benefits and the costs of non action. There should be a comprehensive action plan to reduce climate pollution and to move to a cleaner smarter economy which could be an example to the rest of the world and make New Zealand's clean and green reputation a reality instead of the lie that it currently is. Current government policies risk damaging our global reputation and wrecking our economy in the longer term and are denying New Zealanders the cleaner, smarter and safer future that could be possible.

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?

New Zealand and all countries have to reduce emissions if we are to have any chance of reducing future negative climate impacts. None of these reduction opportunities are likely to occur in the absence of an overall vision and action plan.

Summary

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

As stated above it is meaningless to talk about targets and costs without considering the whole picture. The target should be high to show commitment to a clean energy future

Other comments

6. Is there any further information you wish the Government to consider? Please explain.
Government policies should support the pursuit of a fair, sustainable, healthy and innovative society instead of the pursuit of corporate profit.