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 we commence now, and not wait until it is too late. So whilst I agree that we must have a long term goal, there must also be short term targets.

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?
We must diversify our economy away from a reliance on primary production. Our Govt appears to have no plan to invest in an economy which reduces our emissions. Hence my answer to this question is that a narrowly focused economy will result in targets that are overly cautious, and probably not effective in achieving a result which is good for our planet.

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?
As a middle class person, and if I understood the benefits, I would be prepared to pay extra for solar, recycling etc. I want the Govt to introduce programmes that I can support and if necessary if it means it costs me more, so be it. I would not like to speak on behalf of people on lower incomes.

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?
I am keen on more forestry planting. I would like to see greater use of rail, over road. I am keen on cyling over using cars. I am keen on more public transport. All of these options seem like realistic options.

Summary

5. How should New Zealand take into account the future uncertainties of technologies and costs when setting its target?   Bench mark against the most ambitious targets set internationally.

Other comments
6. Is there any further information you wish the Government to consider? Please explain. Long term planning, not short term goals. Cross party support.