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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 our contribution is ambitious and that NZ is leading the way on emissions reductions (instead of shying away from reducing emissions in the name of making money).

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?

Because a large portion of our emissions comes from animal agriculture, I think that is a very important part for NZ to look at reducing (despite it being one of our primary industries). I think it is high time NZ starts to develop other industries (green energy etc), that can start to take the pressure off agriculture and allow for reductions to be made in that area.

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?

 I think that trying to reduce the average household consumption in NZ by 50% is a good start.
- 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? Most likely to occur I would have to say fuel and energy efficiency in transport as well as for households and businesses. Most important for NZ is a shift away form industrial animal agriculture.

Summary

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

I wouldn't worry too much about that. This shift to low emissions is of paramount importance, and relatively minor uncertainties/costs shouldn't be of greater importance than setting an ambitious target.

Other comments

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6. Is there any further information you wish the Government to consider? Please explain. I think it's extremely important to be pulling our weight when it comes to emission reductions. NZ should be leading the way in this regard, not shying away. It is important that NZ sets an ambitious emissions reduction target, considering all aspects of the sources of NZs emissions.