

Setting New Zealand's post-2020 climate change target

Submission form

The Government is seeking views on New Zealand's post-2020 climate change contribution under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

You can have your say by making a submission using this form or using the online tool available at www.mfe.govt.nz/more/consultations.

For more information about this consultation:

- Read our [Consultation on New Zealand's post-2020 international climate change contribution web page](#)
- Read our discussion document: [New Zealand's Climate Change Target: Our contribution to the new international climate change agreement](#)

Submissions close at 5.00pm on Wednesday 3 June 2015.

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Questions to guide your feedback

Your submission may address any aspect of the discussion document, but we would appreciate you paying particular attention to the questions posed throughout and listed in this form. You may answer some or all of the questions. To ensure your point of view is clearly understood, you should explain your rationale and provide supporting evidence where appropriate.

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Objectives for the contribution

1a. We have set the following three objectives for our contribution:

- it is seen as a fair and ambitious contribution – both by international and domestic audiences
- costs and impacts on society are managed appropriately
- it must guide New Zealand over the long term in the global transition to a low emissions world.

Do you agree with these objectives for our contribution?

No. I don't think we need an ambitious contribution. NZ is tiny and insignificant

1b. What is most important to you?

The costs and impacts on society are realistic and we are heading for a low pollution world.

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 emissions are too small to make any change in world emissions. Therefore we need to weigh the costs very carefully. Any gain will be political.

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 do you think would be a reasonable impact on annual household consumption?**

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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 can work on increased energy efficiencies, eg widespread solar power generation, more efficient vehicles, electric vehicles etc, and reducing non carbon dioxide pollution and waste in our environment

Summary

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

Other comments

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

Carbon dioxide emissions is a political issue lead by the United Nations.

The Science is far from "settled". Scientists do not yet truly understand how the earth's climate system works. Much of the "hype" is based on mathematical models. Early models (Al Gore's hockey stick) were wildly inaccurate. They are improving but still have along way to go.

The emphasis on carbon dioxide is wrong.

The real issue is not the amount carbon dioxide being liberated but;

-pollution of our environment by dark carbon, heavy metals, pesticides, organic matter, etc.

-deforestation and subsequent erosion

-overpopulation

-large volumes of waste

We have a problem on earth. If we don't define it correctly we won't find the right solutions. I don't know how NZ can help shift the focus towards lowering pollution and waste (including developing clean energy) but playing a major role in limiting carbon dioxide emissions will be a costly waste of time.

When your submission is complete

Email your completed submission to climate.contribution@mfe.govt.nz or post to Climate Change Contribution Consultation, Ministry for the Environment, PO Box 10362, Wellington 6143.

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