

# 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?

To act and be a global leader in combating climate change rather than a passive (and late) follower. Have some strength of resolve rather than a corrupted supporter of the major climate polluters and dominant users of fossil fuels in the 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?

We have a reputation for speaking up on important issues that has been absent since around 2008. NZ has an obligation to live up to the image/brand of NZ that we portray globally so we need to be ambitious in setting high standards for ourselves that will challenge us and bring out the best in our objectives and actions.

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?

Define the types of activity that contribute to greenhouse gas emissions, and those that are neutral or reduce. The dirty activities should be heavily taxed (phased in over 5 years) and the revenue raised ring-fenced and used (in addition to supplementary subsidies) directly to subsidise replacement clean technologies.

As the dirty activities become less preferable, the amount raised through the tax will reduce. The converse will happen on the clean side of the equation. This mechanism speaks directly to the question of appropriate cost level - it is relative to the activity and where we are on the abandonment of dirty activities and the adoption of clean ones.

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? All of them.

## Summary

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

It should undertake intensive examination of this question over 6 months, with a further 6 months of consideration,

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feedback and drafting, and then commit immediately.

Anything else will result in an ongoing, drawn-out and increasingly convoluted process of inaction, which is so common in NZ i.e. "we don't know for sure that this is a good or bad thing so we'll just do nothing".

Other comments

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

Abandon anti-intervention policies, sharpen governmental intelligence and work across parliament to gain widespread support for addressing this issue.

And stop stealing from future generations by showing faulty, ineffective and/or corrupted non-leadership in respect of this most fundamental of issues.