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 stop talking endlessly about what needs doing and act. Now. Not in five years’ time or two years' time but now. Right away. There is no time to waste. New Zealand is a small enough country to implement and coordinate effective nationwide change. We could stand out as a Lighthouse nation, leading the way and modelling Right Action and low emission living to the wider global community.

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 to set all ideas of continuing with the fossil fuel industry aside. Radical times invite radical action. We are one national and global family - in times of crisis (and we are in one) it does not matter who has much and who has little. Crisis is a great leveller. We stand shoulder-to-shoulder with each other in unity and community. It all comes down to right relationships.

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?
Instead of wasting millions of dollars on discussions to do with our country’s flag, the government could invest money in developing solar energy and electrically-powered vehicles; they could feed the poor and provide shelter to the homeless; they could improve insulation in homes, develop sustainable, fossil-free communities.

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?

Summary

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

Other comments

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