

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 live in a country where sustainability and the environment is well protected

For carbon emissions to decline, starting in the short term

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?

I think the economy will self-correct if we put reducing carbon emissions first. Look at countries like Norway who have a successful economy but are working hard to be carbon neutral. I think using excuses like the economy as to why we aren't doing better is a lie. As NZ is a small country we could easily be world leaders in reducing emissions and have an easier transition to change.

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?

Any cost, we only have one world what does the value of money matter once it is at the point of no return.

I believe if a transition is managed well people will adapt to the change.

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 think having more investment in public transport and reducing people reliability on their cars is a good start.

Intensification of our cities will also reduce people carbon footprint and reduce peoples dependence on cars.

Meat and dairy production contributes a lot to climate change. Perhaps farmers should pay a levy for the damage their stock does (also relevant for rivers etc). There should also be a ban on intensive farming like they have in the US.

The Government should encourage people to eat vegetarian once a week, this could reduce meat consumption

We need to expand our regional and national parks and protect them from decline

Have a ban on non-renewable energy production, opening our country to oil expedition is going backwards

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Stop the TPPA where corporations could sue the Government for encouraging any positive changes that may not be good for big business

Summary

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

We should not assume changes in future technologies, as most of our emissions are from agriculture I doubt there would be changes large enough to mitigate this damage in the near future.

Other comments

6. Is there any further information you wish the Government to consider? Please explain.
Our targets should not be based on other countries but have targets that make NZ world leaders.
As agriculture is pretty much our economy and also the biggest cause for emissions in NZ, therefore, we need to find a balance but also not be afraid to take action due to fear for our economy which could recover if we diversify more, this can be done with more investment in research and development. We should also not let non-residents buy our farms as this may reduce or limit any control the Government might have to reduce emissions.