

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 the environment and climate be a serious focus for any government in future, and that EVERY future government is held accountable for climate change targets, with meaningful legislation to meet those targets.

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 is an innovative and cutting-edge country in many ways, we can, and must, work on solutions that allow us to reach a zero emissions target by 2050 without major impact on our economy. Investing in scientific research will be a major part of this.

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?

Household consumption could drop, but the source of power could also be shifted to renewable energy, rather than fossil-fuel based energy. This way, consumption need not be reduced drastically, while still allowing for positive effects on the environment.

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? Renewable energy and carbon sinks

Summary

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

New Zealand should invest in these future technologies and scientific research so as to make the most of these opportunities and develop technologies specific to New Zealand's needs.

Other comments

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