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?   No

1b. What is most important to you?
That the world environment be addressed ahead of economic viability, without an inhabitable planet any other concerns matter little.

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?
There has been little time allowed for the consideration of the document, which I have not read. This in no way effects a right to make a submission. In accounting for a system which hangs on to a fossil industry but which has for many years had the technology and therefore the ability to legislate for environmental responsibility in the present and future. The steps which should be addressed are how we move forward by integrating new industry technology which is environmentally responsible to take the place of fossil systems, while maintaining the economy under a new industry system.

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?
If fossil technology is legislatively and systematically replaced by new technology then this is a moot topic.

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?
What is most important is the preservation of New Zealand involving the clean up of New Zealand's environment, water ways and use of industrialized technology. Decent planning, clean environmental legislation policy and application not based on an economic result. the economic result will follow through other industry such as tourism if we can live up to the 100% pure marketing we espouse overseas. Working towards commitment to electric cars, solar and wind and water energy ensuring those prospects can be afforded by all.

Summary

5. How should New Zealand take into account the future uncertainties of technologies and costs when setting its
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Once again a target in this scenario is limiting an outcome which is being demanded of us by the environment. New Zealand is a country which is able to sustain those who live here, the ability to provide clean technologies, which would still be affordable to the people if it is kept from privatization. If we are truly being asked how New Zealand should take into account it's ability to be considered by a global economy, accepting our share of global problems whilst harboring the reasons for the problems existence I think the question answers itself - plainly if there is a problem? take steps to remove the problem.

Legislate for a clean future, plan for a clean future, new investment in clean technology, these are all elements of the current model built on fossil fuel, all we are discussing is the exchange of technology. Change the mind and the body will follow.

Other comments

6. Is there any further information you wish the Government to consider? Please explain.
Where do you see yourself in 10 years time?
Is it the same place you thought you would be 10 years ago?

I think you will find that our young people are more fatalistic than any other generation before them, they are still going through organism hormonal reaction as we all have at ages in life, but they do not look to tomorrow with great hope, I do not look to tomorrow with great hope, I cannot pin anything down, make plans or conceive what life I will lead upon retirement. We are at a precipice and there is no bridge due to our misguided greed lack of planning and foresight. We still have a small window of opportunity to act out of care and so we should. It will never add up economically until the economic factors change- then we can plan a future again - one where Hawaii will be clean and safe too.