

# 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 it's ambitious. There can be few countries in the world that are better situated to 'lead' on this issue.. given our relatively robust economy and standard of living - not to mention the whole tradition of progressive political change that is part of NZ's history. If we shrink back from courageous action on climate change, how can other countries with much bigger problems be expected to do so????!!!!!! I'm not suggesting extreme heroics for NZ irrespective of its impact on our own citizens. But there's scope to safely go way beyond what recent NZ governments have proposed regarding action by NZ on mitigating climate change. Someone has to break ranks and take strong action.. then others will follow. This psychology works between nations, not just individuals.

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? 40% reduction as proposed by many advocates.

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?

I don't think it's wise to try to quantify this in advance. Sufficient to say that where there's a threat to the whole of society, people can be persuaded to pull together and accept the good and bad of whatever necessary action needs to be taken. During World War II when there was such a universally recognized threat, people didn't ask their governments to make a better business case for defence of the nation. It was just recognized that this matter - the war effort - transcended all that. The climate change threat is in the same category - different in nature, but certainly of the same magnitude, or greater.

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?

Bravely. Don't let that inevitable degree of uncertainty stymie decisive action now!!!!

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Other comments

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