

# 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? Minimising climate change

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?

NZ politics and culture are strongly set on a growing Economy in terms of GDP only. This needs to change in my opinion. We need to focus on quality more than quantity. Quality of life for all New Zealanders and all world citizens.

Reducing emissions does not have to affect quality of life, if paired with other measures, e.g. more equal prosperity in NZ (ie the richer people contributing more, etc).

In short, internationally: NZ must be a fore runner, must take a larger responsibility than average, and **MUST MEET** the targets it sets, not make and break promises.

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?

Wrongly phrased question.

I want to see a stable (not growing, not shrinking) level of quality of life for the average NZer. Within that freeze, a smarter and more responsible way of working, can result in significant reductions, whilst maintaining quality of life.

Yes, this could mean a significant reduction in annual household consumption, in traditional economic terms, where one values growth of GDP. I am quite happy to see a reduction in GDP of 1% per year.

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?

All points, but 10 million for research in point 3, is far too little. Should be much more.

Particularly developing more renewable energy is good.

Also, I believe the document has missed the largest opportunity: freeze, and/or reduce emitting agriculture (dairy industry). Not only is there a problem with greenhouse emissions, we also, locally have irrigation and river-quality problems.

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## Summary

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

Not.

The essence is not setting the targets: the essence is making the changes that will result in the targets being met. And for that, we should not bank on future hopes of improved technologies, but make changes now. Changes that we know will work. And set our targets based on that.

## Other comments

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

Put import duties on cars that use lots of fuel. To a high degree, thus strongly discouraging gas-guzzlers. New Zealand is ideally placed for that, because we can completely control import.

Leave the coal in the ground. Including lignite. We should not ever dig it up. (well, let's say in the next 50 years, and then see again where we stand)

Limit immigration.

Stimulate public transport in areas of sufficient population

Stimulate cycling over car use, especially building suitable infrastructure in Christchurch

For the government to build housing (either by doing it herself, or controlling what the private sector builds and how local councils grant building permissions and subdivision grants) for the population: small, high density, efficient in terms of insulation and heating, having vegetable gardens, promoting cycling and walking over car-use, including solar water heaters, and more similar issues.

Promote a hemp-growing industry for clothes, building materials, insulation materials. great carbon sink.

Promote for the population to eat less meat. Not for everybody to be vegetarian (or if you want to, that would be great), but just less meat. Hunted meat excluded.