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 NZ must indeed set a fair and ambitious contribution, and the rushed nature of this consultation suggests that this might not be a priority for government - but I believe it needs to be for our on-going credibility as a progressive, sustainable nation.

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?
It needs to be a stretch that indicates that we are focused on playing our part in the global need to reduce carbon emissions, and that NZ is seen as a leader NOT a follower in this.

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 think this is a simplistic question, when industry is not a part of this question. Our major industries are major emitters - e.g. the primary sector - and there needs to be the focus, in addition to public response. Government leadership is needed, and that is not visible at this stage.

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?
Develop an intensive, NZ-wide, science-based response and engage the public meaningfully - and aspire to leadership in a global perspective.

Other comments

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