Consultation on setting New Zealand’s post-2020 climate change target

Copy of your submission

Contact information

Name   Loretta Bush
Organisation (if applicable)
Address
Telephone
Email

Objectives for the contribution

Do you agree with these objectives for our contribution?   Yes

1b. What is most important to you?
NZ needs to do more to show our real commitment to reducing greenhouse emissions. We are a rich nation in comparison to others, and we need to do a lot more than what is proposed.

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?
We should be aiming to use all renewable energy, rather than still relying on fossil fuels. Shouldn’t be wasting our money looking and exploring for more oil fields in NZ. Should spend that money on solar and wind power.

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?
think that we should aim for the highest reduction listed, as comparatively, it seemed that there wasn’t a direct correlation between the costs. For eg, a 40% reduction, didn’t cost 8 times a 5% reduction. So should go for the highest reduction. The benefits will be worth it, as it will keep our planet going. We will also be much less reliant on overseas fluctuations in oil prices, if we are using alternative energy sources.

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?
should also be looking at transport throughout NZ. Should use more rail, and better urban transport, rather than relying on cars. Needs a combined solution, with town planning being involved.

Summary

5. How should New Zealand take into account the future uncertainties of technologies and costs when setting its target?
We have to start now. Shouldn't just be relying on overseas carbon credits. Should be reducing our reliance on agriculture as our main means of income in NZ. Should be diversifying into other cleaner technologies. Shouldn't have all our eggs in one basket, which leaves us so vulnerable to a downturn, not of our making.
Other comments

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