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## Questions to guide your feedback

Your submission may address any aspect of the discussion document, but we would appreciate you paying particular attention to the questions posed throughout and listed in this form. You may answer some or all of the questions. To ensure your point of view is clearly understood, you should explain your rationale and provide supporting evidence where appropriate.

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## Objectives for the contribution

1a. We have set the following three objectives for our contribution:

- it is seen as a fair and ambitious contribution – both by international and domestic audiences
- costs and impacts on society are managed appropriately
- it must guide New Zealand over the long term in the global transition to a low emissions

world.

Do you agree with these objectives for our contribution?

Yes, in part...the second objective doesn't acknowledge the enormous cost of doing nothing that is put on future kiwis by "appropriately managing current costs".

1b. What is most important to you?

A future for humanity on planet earth is most important for me

## 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?

NEW ZEALAND is a young CARnation of a country, built for cars and the fossil fuel driven economics of last 100 years. As a lazy affluent western cultured nation we need to acknowledge the responsibility we have for the damage our lifestyles are already doing to our lower lying pacific neighbours: So we need to aim for zero net carbon emissions immediately. If that means enormous upheaval in changing cultural expectations of continuing intensive farming of livestock for our future wealth then we need to face that truth bravely.

## How will our contribution affect New Zealanders?

3. What level of cost is appropriate for New Zealand to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions? For example, what do you think would be a reasonable impact on annual household consumption?

Ensuring a carbon cost is factored into carbon use at source would give our economy the appropriate messages to respond to - for my household currently this is about \$250 from [carbonzero.co.nz](http://carbonzero.co.nz) - we run one car and live a consciously 'carbon-careful' life...we engage in regular kiwi activities but cycle all distances under 2km, most of the time :o)

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?

Reducing agricultural emissions net to zero by research & innovation in rumen /cattle burps and offsetting with planting marginal land and shelter belts until zero is reached ...its an easy no brainer!

## Summary

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

Aim for the stars. if you fail, land on the moon! Bold and brave to prove it can be done, with our renewable base it should be possible faster and cheaper than anywhere else. The future is always uncertain until it is the past.

## Other comments

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

I would like the govt to consider the grandchildren five generations below them, as yet unborn, never to be met. They may never look them in the eye, but as elected leaders our government has to acknowledge the responsibility they have, if they have any sense of the purity for their purpose in their role, surely being bold

on this topic is that defining moment that got them involved in politics to begin with: TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

## When your submission is complete

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