

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?

Decreasing our reliance on fossil fuels. Especially so in the transport industry. More investment needs to be made into better public transport and alternative fuel sources for cars such as electricity.

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?

I believe that we have a vast amount of renewable resources available to use and these can be just as profitable and affordable as fossil fuels. We should be able to set and meet an ambitious target without any detrimental effects to the economy.

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 would be a reasonable reduction in annual household consumption?

Whatever it takes to ensure that we do not exceed temperature increases of 2 degrees. I don't claim to be an expert on the issue so I don't know specific figures, but I firmly believe that while the economy is important, it won't mean much if our world becomes inhospitable.

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? Better public transport and reduction in cost of electric vehicles.

Summary

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

I would hope that technologies developed in the future would allow us to exceed our targets and at less cost. However, that can only be done if we invest significant sums into research now.

Other comments

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