

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? No

1b. What is most important to you?

That we have an honest Government that tells us the truth. Global warming was a ploy to frighten the peoples of the world so that the United Nations could implement Agenda 21. If it was genuine when the warming stopped eighteen years ago that would have been the end of it. " CO2 is essential to all life on this earth. Photosynthesis is what keeps us alive. Sunlight plus water plus CO2 is the basic process that creates all plants - the basic food that animals and people have to eat - without which our life would be impossible. So how can CO2, at the same time be destroying our way of life? Page 2 About Face Hughes, Khandekar & Ollier.

New Zealand was signed up to Kyoto by Helen Clarke, when she was looking to get herself a position on the UN. This agreement has expired. There is no reason to sign up to a new agreement simply to look good in the International arena.

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?

Since carbon is not a problem NZ should be able to look after the economy for the good of its citizens, without the threat of so called tipping points. I find the talk of a fictitious target calculated on assumptions of uncertainties repugnant. No only that the contribution must be larger than before and if we are considered a wealthy country we will have to pay even more.

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?

To quote your Climate Change Target Discussion document. " Households and families will be affected in two main ways. Firstly wages will grow more slowly. in line with the overall economy. secondly, the price of some goods and services will be higher (eg. electricity and vehicle fuel). these effects decrease the amount of household consumption possible ie, the average household will be less "well-off" than what would be expected without a target". Not only on electricity and fuel but on every thing that they purchase as cost are always passed on. And you think it is OK to make their situation worse for nothing. I didn't notice people talking about child poverty before we were taxed for global warming.

4. Of the opportunities for New Zealand to reduce its emissions (as outlined on page 15 of the discussion

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document), which do you think are the most likely to occur, or be most important for New Zealand? New opportunities. I think what is being talked about in this section is pollution which is a totally different subject., which can be mitigated by individual countries themselves.

How greater reliance on renewable energy can create opportunities beats the life out of me. Mankind has advanced greatly since the Industrial Revolution. Coal, and Oil enabled man to keep warm to manufacture steel to create employment etc. The oil shortage that was predicted has not happened. Clean coal technologies "flue gas desulfurization units (scubbers") Coal gasification is one of the most promising to use coal to generate electricity. It is one of the new family of energy processes called "Clean Coal Technologies"

The new green energy, so called renewables are unreliable. Wind farms have to have a back up when the wind conditions are not favourable, solar power is in the same position it only works when the sun shines. As yet the technology to produce the necessary batteries is not available. Their use will increase the price of ordinary power - the backup.

Summary

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

As above there should not be a target for a problem that does not exist. To have one violates the rights of the citizens of New Zealand

Other comments

6. Is there any further information you wish the Government to consider? Please explain.
Our scientific method and traditions of free speech and open debate are under assault as never before, by intolerant inquisitors in our media, universities, government agencies, and even Congress and the Vatican. They threaten our most basic rights and freedoms, our political and scientific processes - and ultimately our continual innovation and invention, reliability and affordability, job creation and economic growth, and modern living standards, health and welfare.As IPCC leaders have explained the climate change agenda is no longer about the environment. It is now about "intentionally transforming" the global economy and negotiating the redistribution of the world's wealth and natural resources, in the name of "social justice" and equal distribution of misery" Guest essay by Paul Driessen. One World Government Agenda 21 Have we had a discussion paper on the subject? I think not. What do you suppose will happen when we are hit with the expected Little Ice Age. Yes there are honest scientists out there.