

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?

The cost of NOT doing anything meaningful on our health, the environment, our way of life: discussion of this is almost completely absent from Government discussion documents/ information and from Briefings to Incoming Ministers.

Our tax-payer funded public servants are not serving tax-payers well, never mind tax-payer funded MPs.

Our target should be science-led.

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?

A fair contribution would be at least a 40% emissions reduction by 2030, so that our Government attempts to protect New Zealanders from the effects of dangerous temperature rises. The EU has pledged a target of 40%: we should at least match this.

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?

Government information is unbalanced as there is little or no analysis of the cost of "business as usual".

There should be cross-party and cross-departmental co-operation and transparency on climate change mitigation: it is more important than politics.

There is a depressing lack of leadership and courage.

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?

For a start, stop subsidising fossil fuel industries/exploration.

Invest in wind and solar: we certainly have plenty of the former!

Summary

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

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New Zealand should at least make decisions based on the science we DO know about now

Other comments

6. Is there any further information you wish the Government to consider? Please explain. What will future generations think of our inaction to protect them?