

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? Human survival.

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're a small, relatively developed country. If we can't respond sufficiently then nobody can.

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? Consumption is distributed so unevenly that this is a silly question.

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? Electric cars. Active transport. House insulation. Ruminant biology. Forestry, except that we've been busy breaking it.

Summary

5. How should New Zealand take into account the future uncertainties of technologies and costs when setting its target? Where they're available, explore options that have co-benefits.

Other comments

6. Is there any further information you wish the Government to consider? Please explain. Scenario Q3 in the general equilibrium modelling looks to me like it's doable, even with the pessimistic assumptions in the model, provided it doesn't all fall selectively on beneficiaries.

I was in a meeting where the departmental secretary was asked whether the government would allow the models to be re-run on different assumptions. No answer was forthcoming.

Allow the models to be rerun. Either put up a 40% target and start working toward it, or give up on pretending that we're doing something.

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