

# 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?

The targets and the programme to achieve those targets must be ambitious. Climate change is a vital issue that must be addressed using the best minds and resources available. The costs must be charged to the polluters who create the carbon emissions. They have the power and resources to reduce carbon emissions. The Stern Report showed that the costs of not acting on climate change are far greater than the costs used to act on it. There are many opportunities for economic gain by New Zealand as its business innovators find ways of reducing carbon emissions, and can sell these products and services to the populous countries we trade with. The Government should give R & D grants to these type of innovators.

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?

As New Zealand is one of the highest per capita carbon emitters in the world we should set an ambitious target. Transportation carbon emissions will be a great potential source of reduction.

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?

The costs should be charged to those industries that create carbon emissions by the implementation of a carbon tax. Most of that tax should be rebated to NZ Households, to keep household costs to a minimum.

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 Carbon Emissions in the transport sector. Reducing Carbon emissions on power generation. Research into Methane emissions from livestock. Reduce Mechanisation and replace with labour where possible.

## Summary

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

The Stern Report shows it is more costly not to act on climate change. We have many avenues available

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currently to reduce our carbon emissions.  
We need to act now with the technology we have got.

Other comments

6. Is there any further information you wish the Government to consider? Please explain.  
Climate Change is the most serious problem New Zealand and the rest of the World faces. We need strong action and political will to reduce carbon emissions to safer levels and preserve the environment we enjoy now for our grandchildren