

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?

That we start NOW! Five years is too late, it may even already be too late. I write as our city is flooding here there and everywhere...

Supporting evidence? Pick up the newspapers around the world and look at the level of floods, drought, and category five cyclones and hurricanes.

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?

100% clean renewable immediately... That is, we get off coal immediately and cease fracking and new drilling sites off the coast of New Zealand. We have wind, solar, and thermal energy, and much of the country has hydro energy already set up.

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?

If you simply stopped giving oil, coal, fracking subsidies to those already incredibly rich and well off companies, and redirected back to local economy and set local people back to work on rebuilding our own infrastructure there would be enough money to support that. We have the answers, and we have the smart, intelligent can do people to make this shift NOW.

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?

You should stop following other countries, just because they are all talk and no action, in fact the opposite, doesn't mean you should mimic that double talk and non action. It is weak and the world is, if you haven't noticed already, in quite a state of emergency. Its only a matter of time before it hits home badly. New Zealand should just go for it - be a leader - be strong - be clear and take action, not just talk about this issue and put it off for another five years.

Summary

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

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target?

What uncertainties of technologies? We have pretty good answers already that have been around for quite a while. If I were the CEO of a fossil fuel company I would already have taken the lead and redirected the companies energy, focus and money into clean renewables - those people and companies are missing out on one of the greatest opportunities available across the planet. How blind does one have to be to not see this fabulous opportunity right in our hands already.

The costs are far less by acting now and seeing ahead and by noting how much it costs to fix damage once its done (Hurricane Katrina is a pretty good example sad to say). We only have one planet - fossil fuel resources are costly to our health, and it won't be long before this shows up on the stock market. You should know this already.

Other comments

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

Act now, don't wait. Employ our wonderful people in New Zealand by taking the subsidies you are giving to overseas fossil fuel companies and reinvest it in this special and beautiful country we are lucky enough to live in. The economy will improve enormously when normal people are working again and spending their earnings locally. If you keep going the way you are, New Zealand won't be so beautiful in a decade. How unfair is it that older people got to experience clean oceans, rivers, air and have a decent education, and a decent roof over their head. Please start now.