

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?

I want New Zealand to :

- Commit to have 100% renewable electricity within 10 years.
- Shut Huntly coal and gas fired power station by 2020.
- Phase out all subsidies for fossil fuels like coal and deep sea oil drilling by 2018.
- Grant no further permits for fossil fuel prospecting in New Zealand, effective immediately.
- Ban deep sea drilling and fracking for oil and gas in New Zealand by 2020.
- Commit to a low carbon action plan to ensure that by 2050 all areas of energy (electricity, heating, transport and industrial use) come from clean energy sources instead of fossil fuels.
- Reform the electricity markets by guaranteeing priority access to the grid for renewable power generators.

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?

'Fair' is used in the discussion document as though climate change can be treated subjectively, this is not the case.

Regardless of what we do about other emissions from agriculture, every country ultimately needs to reduce CO2 emissions to zero to stop climate change.

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?

A narrow fixation on the short-term costs of taking action is flawed and damaging. This is about investing in a safe and prosperous future where we're all better off. Failing to act will cost us and the World Bank warns that the longer action is delayed, the more costs will rise for the next generation.

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?

I identify with all of the bulleted points on page 15 of the discussion document, but find their scope quite narrow. Fossil fuel free transport can extend to public transport for instance, with associated opportunities for technological development and employment.

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Summary

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

It not realistic to consider that currently undeveloped technologies can be realised and deployed in the short timeframe available , to keep global warming below a 2 degrees celsius rise.

I want New Zealand to actively oppose factoring undeveloped technologies into any climate change policy or agreement.

Other comments

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

Without a real action plan to reduce climate pollution, the Government risks damaging our global reputation and wrecking our economy. But most importantly, they are denying New Zealanders the cleaner, smarter and safer future that we all deserve.

I want to see meaningful policy changes that will start cutting New Zealand's emissions, during this term of government.

I want the Government to establish a cross-party climate working group and an ongoing programme to engage meaningfully with New Zealanders on climate change solutions.?