Submission on 2020 Climate Change Target

Thank you for this opportunity to make a submission.

The Consultation Process

The consultation document is misleading in over focusing on the costs incurred by the compliance plan. The costs of non compliance are equal to or greater than those cited. Between this highly biased and misleading document and the short notice and lack of promotion of the public events this consultation is severely compromised.

Necessary Steps to make Compliance Possible

Do not sign NZ on to the Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement. Meeting our reduction targets will be made more difficult and expensive when
corporations are constantly suing NZ for their perceived loss of profits. Note the suit by the Canadian company against the U.S. for banning lead in gasoline as an example.

Curtail offshore oil drilling, and coal mining. Both add to greenhouse emissions and are counter productive.

Cut back dairy intensification. Methane is a potent greenhouse gas. Cows produce lots of it. Focusing on shifting agriculture to producing locally required foods can reduce the carbon footprint of importing foods.

Redeploy the funding for the Roads of National Significance to public and active transport and travel demand management programmes. Get people on trains, buses, bikes and feet.

Focus on sea and rail based freight, not increasing truck size and weight. The carbon footprint of the required infrastructure strengthening to support those trucks along with the medical interventions required by the carnage they will inflict on other road users is massive.

Increase insulation and draught sealing requirements in all building and remodelling be it residential or
commercial. Fund retrofit programmes for existing housing.

Fund the reforestation of our country. Instead of paying $52 billion to buy carbon credits NZ could be a seller of credits.

Increase funding for research and development of technology to replace carbon creating processes.

Require consumer goods to be of good quality so as to limit the impact of short life cycle replacement.

Thank you.