

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? It must guide NZ over the long term

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?

NZ emissions are far too high per capita and must be brought down to the international target range for combating disruptive climate change. The economy will ultimately falter if kept on it's present trajectory and following the current priorities.

How will our contribution affect New Zealanders?

3. What level of cost is appropriate for New Zealand to reduce it's greenhouse gas emissions? For example, what would be a reasonable reduction in annual household consumption?

This question is irrelevant if a planned, incremental changeover is made to a sustainable economy based on renewable resources. Domestic solar power, electric vehicles [including trucks, as is being currently developed and implemented in the US] , and a switch from commodity-based to added value industries are all part of the pathway for avoiding future costs.

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 cannot predict the actions of the government regarding what is most likely to occur - 'very little', a cynic might answer. The most important issues for NZ are: a significant reduction in agricultural emissions, [including the pollution of soils and waterways] ; a switch from wood fired and gas domestic heating to electric and solar; a reduction in traffic emissions which are, due to the age of the vehicle fleet and corresponding dearth of catalytic converters, behind first world standards.

Summary

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

The advance in so-called 'green' technologies is moving at a pace which will soon become exponential, New developments in information technology, battery technology, electric vehicles, renewable and sustainable energy sources [the first completely solar powered aeroplane is circling the world] , 3-D printers, et al are about to radically

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and fundamentally change the way the world does business and manages the environment. China has embraced the future emphatically [they are 3-D printing houses!!] NZ can do the same with absolute confidence. Uncertainty and cost will lie in continuing the short term, boom and bust, exploitative, wasteful and polluting ways that are producing a grotesquely pampered elite, and a poisoned, threatened and species depleted world.

Other comments

6. Is there any further information you wish the Government to consider? Please explain.
Not for us but for our children and our children's children. Must we be the generation to be reviled by our progeny for the world we have left them?