

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?

Everyone must do whatever it takes to reduce carbon emissions, regardless of the cost. If there is to be a livable planet for all species, there is no choice.

Stopping climate change is the most important thing required, locally, nationally and globally.

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? Nothing. We cannot afford to use the economy or anything else as an excuse.

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? Whatever it takes!

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? May have some effect, but that won't be nearly enough!

With reference to Page 15, forest sinks are most likely to contribute the greatest benefit.

However, we need to go much further than the other listed suggestions; we need to reduce consumerism and re-localise supply and demand as much as possible. We must also transform the global monetary system from one of exploitation of people and planet to one that serves the common good.

Summary

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

We must act NOW with the means available. Waiting for new technology is simply an excuse to delaying effective action.

Other comments

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6. Is there any further information you wish the Government to consider? Please explain.
The current approach seems to aim for doing as little as possible. We should do the opposite!
We should seriously commit to reducing our emissions to 50% below 1990 levels NOW.

Set up an independent commission with ambitious aims
Stop NOW, all exploration and extraction of fossil fuels in NZ.
Redirect money and human resources instead to alternatives.
Remove subsidies to polluters.
Focus on local economy, not international trade.