

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?

Use fossil fuels at no more than the rate that they form.

A global consciousness shift to urgently work together to do the right thing - allowing developing nations to participate.

With this context, like in a natural emergency when people work together for the common good, anything is possible.

For me, it is important that we are leaders in the moral debate on what is the right thing to be doing - and that we prioritise action on environmental restoration and improvement for future generations.

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?

Analyse farming practice and stocking rates - ensure practices are sustainable and restorative to the environment.

Improve local markets - reduce food miles and encourage this shift throughout New Zealand.

Consider transport as a public service - fully subsidized and efficient. Private cars less attractive and more costly.

Promote walking and cycling to schools as the norm and make law protect those walking and cycling to encourage a mode shift.

A cleaner greener economy will attract new visitors and bona fide experiences.

New clean and green technologies will provide jobs.

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?

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?

Summary

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

We should learn to live in harmony with the environment - tread softly and kindly on Mother Earth.

As Gandhi said, "There is enough for everyone's need.....not for everyone's greed."

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This is a philosophical shift - not a scientific or technological one.

Other comments

6. Is there any further information you wish the Government to consider? Please explain.
Do the right thing. Work together to form cross-party agreement to take to Paris.
In Aotearoa NZ we have a wonderful gift in relation to Te Ao Maori - that we are part of nature and that it is a folly to even contemplate exerting control over Papatuanuku.
Let this thinking inform our talks in Paris.
We have led in women's rights, social welfare, nuclear-free, anti-apartheid - it is time to lead again for the sake of future generations.