

Setting New Zealand's post-2020 climate change target

Submission form

The Government is seeking views on New Zealand's post-2020 climate change contribution under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

You can have your say by making a submission using this form or using the online tool available at www.mfe.govt.nz/more/consultations.

For more information about this consultation:

- Read our [Consultation on New Zealand's post-2020 international climate change contribution web page](#)
- Read our discussion document: [New Zealand's Climate Change Target: Our contribution to the new international climate change agreement](#)

Submissions close at 5.00pm on Wednesday 3 June 2015.

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Questions to guide your feedback

Your submission may address any aspect of the discussion document, but we would appreciate you paying particular attention to the questions posed throughout and listed in this form. You may answer some or all of the questions. To ensure your point of view is clearly understood, you should explain your rationale and provide supporting evidence where appropriate.

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Objectives for the contribution

1a. We have set the following three objectives for our contribution:

- **it is seen as a fair and ambitious contribution – both by international and domestic audiences**
- **costs and impacts on society are managed appropriately**
- **it must guide New Zealand over the long term in the global transition to a low emissions world.**

Do you agree with these objectives for our contribution?

No: To use the word “fair” is a problem because it can be completely subjective! It is up to your values and bias. Easy to hide behind and create excuses to serve ones own ends, its like countries are trying to find pointless points to argue over and achieve nothing. It should be replaced with make a contribution (to decrease Co2 emissions) that can and will be achieved given what the proven research shows can be done..show research and go about doing it- don’t focus to much on what others countries are doing, forge ahead and hope they follow. Life is not fair and never will be, we just do what we can. The last two objectives I agree with.

1b. What is most important to you?

Research into extremely detailed but concise methods/instructions on how we as a country can collectively reduce our emissions. For example:

Emission producer: (what, why, any previous efforts to decrease?, economic worth? Jobs?) Importance, which businesses it affects, Viable alternatives (given \$, availability) Possible ways to decrease? Both for business, people, etc, costs, timeframe, then step by step process to go about it, encourage cost cutting and innovation! Bottom up initiatives and volunteering as much as possible.

Use research groups, multiple different groups at the same time and check each others work, find PhD students, ask our universities to put multi disciplinary research groups (Geography, Economics, energy management, environmental management, marketing, English, other relevant humanities-how to initiate the movement that people will be happy with and sciences) and either ask them or set parameters as to which emission producers they should focus on. **Then put it on tv, radio, new papers, pamphlets, create a emissions reduction govt website, with all research plus summaries. It should also include online posting of stories of innovative ways individuals, families, communities and cities/council's initiatives to reduce emissions. Education workshops/demonstrations should also be run in major cities. Let people know a clear direction and if everyone knows about it, then all who care should change and again, hopefully others will follow.**

Included is reducing our emissions by as much as possible by increasing efficiency everywhere and decreasing or stopping processes that simply create too much emissions and obviously try find new and innovative ways to do so. The overall aim is to decrease emissions, retain as much standard of living (JOBS) as possible while creating a sustainable world. Ideally turn it into a business model that drives the economy and creates many jobs in the new sustainable and low emissions country. THINK DIFFERENTLY.

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?

Avoiding topic of methane I think its idea to reduce CO2! Stop Fonterra burning coal, we will have to embrace hydro for all its worth and find ways to minimise its affects, maybe encourage electric cars for the small inter city driving (transform current cars to electric?) (only) and those hugely expensive and difficult electric intercity trains are ideal if feasibly possible to build. First and foremost there are emissions that are not necessary and they should be addressed first! Excessive driving, better industry practises (once forced to find them) and whatever else. No point in bragging about out renewable energy as we have the climate and geology for it, our energy production still creates 22% of our emissions (CO2), if possible improvements should be made in this area! Lastly RECYCLING is the best invention since the wheel!, it should be encouraged, developed and perfected, pretty much to the point where every1 reuses everything they use, this will affect water consumption (washing) but just imagine having no or very little waste!!!!!!! The system of packaging and whatnot at shops needs to be addressed (im yet to think how it could all be something like a pick and mix system with reusable bags but getting there☺)

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 do you think would be a reasonable impact on annual household consumption?**

A substantial change to how we behave, thinking about our actions, living our lives in a way where we can potentially protect future generations etc. Embracing the opportunities presented.

- 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?**

Whichever we (govt, councils, cities, community groups and citizens) initiate and really push to achieve. (otherwise none) Or whichever are cheapest and affect the fewest people/have less organised opposition.

Summary

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

Ignore them, until they are realised they are irrelevant, work off current knowledge and act as required.

Other comments

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

It's a serious issue the govt is yet to take seriously. When John Key and future governments put it at top priority and let it filter through every process in New Zealand and combine it in all decisions made then maybe we will have made some progress.

When your submission is complete

Email your completed submission to climate.contribution@mfe.govt.nz or post to Climate Change Contribution Consultation, Ministry for the Environment, PO Box 10362, Wellington 6143.

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