

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? That energy remain reliable and affordable, and that NZ remains prosperous.

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? We should have no target which binds or impairs our economy.

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? None at all.

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? Use hydro power as the preferred option, as it's a proven technology with proven effectiveness.

Summary

5. How should New Zealand take into account the future uncertainties of technologies and costs when setting its target? You can't factor in the unknown, so don't try.

Other comments

6. Is there any further information you wish the Government to consider? Please explain.
The human contribution to global warming is unquantified, and a few degrees of warming appear to have as much benefit as hazard, so no resources should be allocated to this. While it's obviously a good idea not to increase the CO2 production over current rates, efforts to decrease CO2 production rates would have significant negative repercussions on prosperity. Poverty is not a cure for this overstated problem.