

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?

Yes

1b. What is most important to you?

That NZ is ambitious but realistic in setting climate change goals. That the transition to lower carbon economy is viewed equally as a challenge but also as an opportunity. That our national politicians externalise all aspects of the discussion into a regulatory / economic model so that governance reflects real values.

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?

I understand that agricultural emissions do not currently have a set of solutions other than downsizing and/or changing methodologies. However the other 43% of our emissions DO have commercial and technical solutions that allow their mitigation. Our targets and policies must reflect this.

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?

What is the cost of doing nothing? Is it larger than the cost of doing something? Probably. It is impossible to answer this question so one needs to take a philosophical position and simply “do the right thing”. We don’t dump toxic chemicals in our rivers even though it is cheaper than treating them. We don’t use ozone depleting chemicals anymore even though it costs to get rid of them. This is a bigger question than just cost.

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?

Export of GHG reducing technology in the ag sector, better business efficiency throughout the sector due to better efficiency, huge biofuel export opportunities, better health outcomes through reduced air pollution.

Summary

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

We must have a robust and meaningful carbon pricing mechanism! Let technologies evolve with this in place and good outcomes will ensue.

Other comments

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

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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