

# 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](http://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
- No

1b. What is most important to you?

### 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?

## 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?
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?

## Other comments

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

**Increasing CO2 has not caused global warming, and therefore we do not need to “manage emissions”**

Professor of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences at the Georgia Institute of Technology, Judith Curry wrote on the fatal flaw in the UN IPCC process. Having codified that increasing CO2 causes global warming in the Foundation Document: United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change 1992, the Committee must continue to insist this is the case, or be defunct.

<http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/convkp/conveng.pdf>

<http://judithcurry.com/2013/09/28/ipcc-diagnosis-permanent-paradigm-paralysis/>

But increasing CO2 has not caused global warming, and therefore we do not need to “manage emissions”

The two pioneers of the collection of the satellite temperature data, Drs Ron Spencer and John Christy (making them the ‘go to’ experts on earth’s temperature) were interviewed recently on why they are ‘climate change skeptics’. Spencer and Christy explain how they came up with the idea of using satellites to monitor earth’s temperature. It has been 25 years since they announced at a press conference “that their study of temperature data from satellites indicated the world was not warming as much as was believed.”

[http://www.al.com/news/huntsville/index.ssf/2015/04/7\\_questions\\_with\\_john\\_christy.html](http://www.al.com/news/huntsville/index.ssf/2015/04/7_questions_with_john_christy.html)

Last year Dr Spencer compared 90 Climate Model predictions of earth's temperature rising in relation to increased CO2. As anyone can see from the graph, real measured data (called observations) are much cooler than most of the model predictions. This means CO2 is not the main driver of earth's temperature.

<http://www.drroyspencer.com/2014/02/95-of-climate-models-agree-the-observations-must-be-wrong/>

Since then, Spencer and Christy have released Version 6.0 of their UAH (University of Alabama Huntsville) Temperature Dataset, worth reading for those who want to understand how satellites measure lower troposphere, mid troposphere and lower stratosphere temperature.

[Version 6.0 of the UAH Temperature Dataset Released: New LT Trend = +0.11 C/decade](#)

Bob Tisdale comments on how the two satellite datasets: UAH Version 6.0 and RSS (Remote Sensing Systems) both show no warming for 18 years.

<https://bobtisdale.wordpress.com/2015/04/29/new-uah-lower-troposphere-temperature-data-show-no-global-warming-for-more-than-18-years/#more-8992>

## When your submission is complete

Email your completed submission to [climate.contribution@mfe.govt.nz](mailto: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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