

# 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?

Recognising that there are much more important environmental and social concerns than the possibility of significant effects on the climate by anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions. I would target the preservation of our wild spaces as an example. 'Reduce - reuse - recycle' is something we should promote simply because it is the right thing to do and not because of concern about a nebulous non-issue such as AGW.

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 would be a reasonable reduction in annual household consumption?

Nil because I don't accept that there is any scientific basis for the concern about anthropogenic climate change. The issue has become so politicised that it is difficult to sort out accurate information from the rhetoric that comes from those with competing ideologies.

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.

That the sole scientific basis for climate change over and above that which occurs naturally is based on computer modelling. These models work with incomplete information as to the many factors that affect climate and it is a delusion to believe that we are even close to being able to model climate change effectively.

By way of illustration, the models have failed to predict any of the changes in climate that have occurred in the last 20-30 years. As well, the current talk of extreme weather events as evidence of climate change is a good example

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of the perception not matching the science. That is to say that there is no scientific evidence for more extreme weather events occurring now than in the past but there is more media coverage of such events wherever they occur and they cause more damage because we have more infrastructure than before.

Therefore I urge caution when the government implements policy which is based on 'evidence' which lacks credibility. Despite the rhetoric, the science is not settled. The skeptics include many scientific experts with leading credentials in their field.