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
☐ No

1b. What is most important to you?

To ensure that New Zealand makes a significant contribution to facilitating a low emissions world.
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 dairy farming contributes significantly to our emissions. Therefore farmers must be subsidised in their quest to lower emissions.

How will our contribution affect New Zealanders?

3. What level of cost is appropriate for New Zealand to reduce it greenhouse gas emissions? For example, what do you think would be a reasonable impact on annual household consumption?

There will be a short-term cost—especially if the change to lower emissions is badly managed. NZ could move now to zero emissions from power generation. The longer we procrastinate, the higher the costs will be. What will be the cost of not implementing changes? We know—higher sea levels, more droughts, more storms, typhoons, disease, beach erosion, making a house in NZ.

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?

Reluctantly I admit that I expect NZ to drag its feet and be a blip on the global landscape. This will lead to widespread devastation, mass extinction of wild animals, a world only able to support a fraction of its present population.
Summary

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

The target must be set with regard to the needs of the planet as a whole. NZ must be a leader in this field. The world expects it of us. It is NZ's traditional role.

Other comments

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

The message I picked up from the consultation meeting I attended was that the whole issue is just too difficult for NZ to tackle. It is not. With a positive mindset, we can reduce our emissions significantly. We need to do the same.

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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