

# 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?

Develop a plan that includes immediate actions to significantly reduce carbon emissions. Set a target of zero carbon emissions by 2050 or earlier as well as reductions in other greenhouse gases.

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 have an additional challenge of dealing with methane emissions from dairy farming. An economic analysis of dairy farming should be carried out to see if this is an economically sustainable activity, taking into account environmental costs. The cost of inaction should be considered. We must invest in a sustainable future with a good basic standard of living for all New Zealanders. The wealthy should contribute more.

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?

The cost is irrelevant. This is something that has to happen. Looking at the issue through an economic lens will not provide a solution to this issue.

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?

Reducing greenhouse gas emissions and increasing forest sinks can lead to improved health, environmental and social well-being, and improved erosion control and water quality.

## Summary

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

By using tried and true practice of using the best knowledge and existing technologies we have to make New Zealand resilient and sustainable. Increase use of public transport, railways, walking and cycling. Don't expect technology to produce a miracle solution.

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Other comments

6. Is there any further information you wish the Government to consider? Please explain. Consider the future generations. Listen to scientific evidence and not economists.