

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? Yes

1b. What is most important to you? That a liveable planet be bequeathed to our descendants

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 educated population and a versatile development sector. We should be able to achieve zero net emissions in time to prevent disastrous climate change and to apply our influence internationally to enable other countries to do likewise.

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?

Using ordinary language rather than technical economic language, household consumption is not especially relevant given its relatively small contribution to emissions.

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? Most important is no 3 transition to a low carbon economy

Summary

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

Increase investment in research and development, recruit public support for this by better communication and signal greater political/media support. Innovation is what we are good at.

Other comments

6. Is there any further information you wish the Government to consider? Please explain.
No. I know of no information unavailable to the Government or the range of what they are considering at present.