

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?

The most important thing for me is that we set a target of zero net emissions by 2050. I want New Zealand to lead the way on this, I want us to live up to our reputation of punching above our weight and honour the many times that New Zealand has lead on issues during our history.

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?

Zero net emissions by 2050. We've already seen how, by implementing a real price on carbon like several countries in Europe, it is possible to lower emissions, at little cost to the economy. Much work has been done on how we could achieve this, we just need to get on with it and do it. We need to put in place a plan, and take on this challenge step by tangible step, taking real, effective action every year rather than doing nothing for 20 years while watching the deadline approach and then go "oh oops, sorry, too late now, um, sorry about that, we should have got onto it earlier". We need to stop being so bloody gutless.

How will our contribution affect New Zealanders?

3. What level of cost is appropriate for New Zealand to reduce it's greenhouse gas emissions? For example, what would be a reasonable reduction in annual household consumption?

By putting in place a carbon tax, households can choose what they want to consume and where they want to make sacrifices. At the same time, we need to address inequality so that the poorest don't suffer. I'm one of the wealthy - please tax me more so that everyone has enough and we can do our fair share for the climate!

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

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

I want to see a Climate Change Law based on the one in the UK that makes each government accountable for acting on climate change. I also want to see political parties work together on climate change. This is an issue that is much bigger than politics, show some leadership and work together with others.