

## SUBMISSION ON CLIMATE CHANGE CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

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I believe that the most important thing is to protect NZ from dangerous temperature rises. The emissions reduction target should be science led and the government should be guided by the scientifically recognised targets already in place.

Households will be impacted by emission reductions but if we keep doing nothing it will be even worse. Pacific nations are already being impacted and we have a duty to set a target that will enable these people, our neighbours, to stay in their lands and not become climate refugees.

A target is not enough though, we need a moral and financial commitment from the government and an action plan for getting there. **THIS IS CRUCIAL.**

NZ has top level research facilities that can support a transition to a low carbon economy. This is great for NZ and can be exported overseas too. Funding must be increased to support this research.

The government must stop subsidising fossil fuel exploration. If any is found then it cannot be burnt if we wish to stay under 2°. The use of electric vehicles especially fleet vehicles like rubbish trucks, buses as well as trains where appropriate should be encouraged instead.

There are economic opportunities and advantages of an early transition to a low carbon economy and this aspect was entirely missing from the government's discussion document.

Please set a strong target at Paris. A minimum of 40% emissions reduction (equal to the EU pledge) is necessary to prevent serious effects to our way of life, our economy and our environment.