

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?

Various interest groups that we don't need to name have successfully stalled New Zealand government action on Climate Change for decades because it's in their economic interests as polluters not to pay. Their business model is --in part-- to privatise the profits while socializing the environmental costs on everyone. This is a 'tragedy of the commons', and a failed market that needs intervention.

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 suggest introducing an emissions trading scheme, and an emissions reduction target of 40-60% below 1990 levels (or 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?

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

6. Is there any further information you wish the Government to consider? Please explain.
Other countries have subsidies for electric cars, and solar panels (not just solar water). We should do the same. Further, we should help build a network of charging stations to encourage drivers to move away from petrol (e.g. work with private sector to build reasonably priced charging stations, with controls on price for a decade)