

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?

Getting prepared for a hotter climate facing more floods, storms, pests etc - our infrastructure is not ready to deal with these scenarios let alone the people being prepared mentally.

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?

A formula based on environmental costs per capita incorporating a factor for first world countries having a larger footprint in terms of pollution than people in third world countries.

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?

Whenever people in NZ are buying and consume products the environmental costs need to be included in the price tag, for example the costs of recycling used batteries or plastic bags. Basically the emitter of these environmental costs need to build in the extra cost into the product price so people who are buying and consuming it are responsible for its total cost. A car would require a much higher environment "tax" than a bicycle or kick scooter.

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?

Mandatory house insulation (double/triple glazes windows etc), sustainable transport (dedicated bicycle ways, no sharing with dangerous bus tracks, improve public transport, incentive for car pooling).

Summary

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

Not sure whether I understand this question - new technology is being built by us humans to serve a problem. What needs to be considered is the side effects which can lead to negative impact on climate on its own.

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Other comments

6. Is there any further information you wish the Government to consider? Please explain.
More public education on this matter, awareness raising, making it school subjects. There is a perception of the problem being too big to address but as an (inter)national community people will feel much more empowered to save the future of our children.