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I wish to lend my support to the *required-by-science* submission of Dr Stephen Knight-Lenihan.

His recommendation is that the 60% reduction on 2013 annual emissions target be pushed out to 2030, in line with the 15 year time line asked for in the consultation document. A staged approach could then be implemented, putting in place interim targets:

- 2020: 20% reduction in annual emissions on 2013 levels
- 2025: 40% reduction in annual emissions on 2013 levels
- 2030: 60% reduction in annual emissions on 2013 levels

Carbon offsets: The two sectors likely to generate the greatest reductions are agriculture and transport.

Agriculture: Research into reducing the contribution of emissions through the Global Research Alliance on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases is recognised. There needs to be more support to farmers for introducing mechanisms for reducing emissions.

Transport: The current Government Policy Statement on Land Transport Funding does not clearly link emissions implications of transport policy. This is not sufficient in terms of guiding transport investment. The GPS should make it clear that agencies applying for transport funding must identify the emissions implications of programmes and projects. These should then be taken into account in terms of an overall cap on transport emissions when allocating funding. The cap should be reduced in concert with the overall reduction targets noted above.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment

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