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?
We need to be seen as world leaders in our contribution. ‘Fair’ is a poor benchmark, and has led to numerous climate negotiation failures. ‘Ambitious’ is better, and we need to judge that for ourselves.

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 need to set an ambitious target and stick to it. For too long our economy has been ‘growing’ due to environmental degradation and carbon emission subsidies. 'Growth' is to speed as ‘progress’ is to velocity. The economy in the short term will adapt, and in the long term will prosper.

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?
Cost is insignificant compared to the risk of not reducing GHG emissions. Our reductions need to be government driven, and need to ensure that the easy choices made by households are also the right choices to reduce their 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?
The future by definition is uncertain. Any target set should reflect the risk involved of continuing to emit GHG’s into the environment business as usual - which is catastrophic.

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