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?   No

1b. What is most important to you?
That our Government is not giving up more sovereignty and economic advantage to countries who only pay “lip service” to reducing greenhouse gases.

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?
Greenhouse gas per person should not be taken into account if most of that comes from agriculture. NZ produces food for export so maybe the equation should be Greenhouse gas per person fed. There is no advantage or gain to trying to be better than other countries. We shouldn’t be committing to anything that every other country is not committing to.

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?
Don’t commit to anything which relies on “carbon markets”. Markets are variable and will have fluctuating prices. These will mean that we will lose control of the costs of reducing emissions. The goal will become managing the costs of carbon rather than doing anything to reduce the amount of carbon produced.

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?
Electric technology and biofuels are the best way to improve both our economic and environmental sustainability.

Summary

5. How should New Zealand take into account the future uncertainties of technologies and costs when setting its target? Stay away from carbon credits and the associated markets.

Other comments

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