

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?

Given our unique situation, that the contribution is fair and within what we can and should achieve, rather than being tarred with the same brush as other developed economies (particularly the U.S. and Europe)

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?

It would be fair if we focused on reducing CO2 as much as possible, as it has the greatest negative effect, and because it is the area where we can still get better. We should not accept overly ambitious goals to reduce agricultural greenhouse emissions, because it is currently unclear what the future will bring in that area, and because it might have a negative impact on our economy.

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?

Given the fact that even \$1,800 per annum for a 40% reduction is just 2.5% of the average annual consumption, I find this appropriate and acceptable. We should aim for the highest possible and achievable reduction when focusing primarily on CO2 reduction (see Q2 above).

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?

Clearly the move towards an electric vehicle fleet, for which we are well positioned.

Summary

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

I'm struggling with a clear answer to that. We should not accept a goal that we are unlikely to achieve, given our current situation. We should make it clear that we're willing to contribute our share, but within our means and opportunities. There's no one-size-fits-all in this.

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Other comments

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

I'd like the government to push for and actively encourage us to become the first developed nation on 100% renewable energy, and a mostly electric vehicle fleet, where achievable. For that we need to intensify our investment in renewable energy resources and an infrastructure (fast charge stations, battery swap etc.) to support an electric fleet. It would also improve our reputation and make NZ even more interesting for investors and visitors alike.