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?
We should be setting an example to other nations, and walk the talk of a Green NZ.
NZ should be leading the way, and consider future generations.

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?

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?
The Government’s narrow fixation on the short-term costs of taking action is flawed and damaging. This is about investing in a safe and prosperous future where we’re all better off. Failing to act will cost us and the World Bank warns that the longer action is delayed, the more costs will rise for the next generation. Taking action to cut carbon pollution in New Zealand creates benefits like cleaner air, less dependence on foreign oil, better human health and more liveable cities. Our existing renewable electricity portfolio is an opportunity, not an excuse for inaction. By building on this we can be a positive example to other countries, pioneer solutions the rest of the world needs, and capture new economic opportunities.

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 Government should act on climate change as an investment in our future.
I want New Zealand to call for a global zero carbon target, and walk the talk by committing to a pathway towards zero CO2 emissions by 2050 or earlier (alongside reductions in other greenhouse gases).
I want a New Zealand climate law that holds the government accountable for reducing emissions, and an independent Climate Commission.
I want the Government to establish a cross-party climate working group and an ongoing programme to engage meaningfully with New Zealanders on climate change solutions.
I want to see meaningful policy changes that will start cutting New Zealand's emissions, during this term of government.

Other comments

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