

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?

The National Government's response to the global catastrophe that is Climate Change (where the science is unequivocal) has been nothing short of ideological insanity. There are some things that triumph neoliberal political economy, like humanity. And ALL of the models show that without radical about face of idiotological policy of the New Zealand government we face a major change to the economies of all of our trading partners. We simply aren't doing enough & we have become an international embarrassment. Don't believe me, follow the science.

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 targets that WILL make a positive change to our environment, nothing else will work. NeoLiberal idiotology will not 'fix' the science. We are not doing enough, we have never been doing enough.

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?

It matters not one toss what I or any other Kiwi (outside of the scientists) think is a 'reasonable' reduction. The ONLY reduction that we can and must take are the levels outlined by the scientists to reduce our emissions to what is SCIENTIFICALLY needed. I don't ask my hairdresser what they think how to fix my car, we should only ask the Scientists what they KNOW will help heal the environment.

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?

But the document is flawed. Climate Change Minister Groser had to retract his statement that we are planting more trees & so called Carbon Sinks are increasing. Is this a serious document or some sort of fluff job? Where are the concrete options, the solid SCIENTIFIC initiatives? Further this document goes against everything the National Government has as policy or claims it does to mitigate the climate catastrophe we are contributing to as twice the international rate per capita. "Remaining aligned with the global transition to a lower-carbon economy..." are we aligned really? I find this statement repugnant and insulting. When the govt has at best a tentative grasp on reality when it comes to science and at worst (as publicly stated) an antagonistic and anti-scientific stance on the environment of NZ. When water standards are set at 3rd world levels, and when Govt Ministers state they don't believe in Climate Change, above statements as above ring hollow hyperbole.

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The most important thing NZ can do is to follow ALL of the scientific recommendations and not just cherry pick. We know for a fact that picking & choosing one's medicines prescribed by doctors isn't an intelligent move, why would we choose to pick and choose ideologically driven drivel over the consensus of scientific community.

Summary

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

If insane and dangerous Neoliberal policies aren't steering the debate, then technological futures doesn't become a determining factor. How is it that China is decommissioning over 1200 coal mines this year and is now investing more in Green energy than carbon based energy sources. How is it that in the US, Job growth in Green technologies is 3x that of the national average. Why is New Zealand determined to stick it's head in the idiotological sand and fluff about with policy tinkering. Out political response is nothing short of total embarrassment.

Other comments

6. Is there any further information you wish the Government to consider? Please explain.
First of all the Minister must resign. Under his watch Carbon emissions have increased, at a greater rate - this is a failure. Second the Government of NZ must listen to the science and any or every MP or Minister that questions or even casts doubt over the science of climate change and of the responses to this (scientifically) must be taken out to the grounds in front of Parliament and put in the stocks, I will supply the rotten vegetables. You think I am being facetious over this issue, I am not. I am sick to death of smug politicians dismissing the science, I am sick to death of smug politicians playing the public for fools, I am sick to death of this issue still being an issue. The science is in, we are NOT doing enough, we have never done enough and arrogant ignorant idiots in suits clutching the neoliberal bible will do NOTHING to make this planet a better place for those that follow us.