

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?

it must guide New Zealand over the long term in the global transition to a low emissions world

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? As a relatively rich nation the level of the target should be ambitious.

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?

Household consumption has not been significantly impacted by the reduction in greenhouse gas emissions achieved by many European states. A high cost (-\$1,800 per annum) is acceptable if that is what is required for reduced greenhouse gas emissions.

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?

All opportunities need to be acted upon. The most likely to occur is : Fuel and energy efficiency can reduce costs to businesses and households.

Summary

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

Make clear assumptions and take action then review the assumptions after the action has had an effect.

Other comments

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

The success of New Zealand is largely dependent on its reputation for having a good environment. It is imperative that ambitious targets are set and acted upon with a consistent and concerted effort. Any action will take a long time to have an impact and therefore the targets must be ambitious and send a clear signal that action will come.

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