

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?

Our contribution must be fair and ambitious. I think NZ could again be a leader in responding to climate change and an example to other countries so they follow suit.

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 do not have any option but to reduce our emissions by the amount the IPCC have recommended. Anything less is a waste of effort because if we let the temperature of the atmosphere rise above a 2 degree increase then we will have run-away climate change and we will lose any control or ability to stop the process. We have to reduce our emissions by the percentage needed to keep temperatures below 2 degrees or CO2 below 400ppm. This is 7% every year from 2020. The economy will have to be managed to allow for this reduction in emissions even if it causes some hardship.

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?

At least -\$1800, more for wealthier households. We have to aim for a 40% reduction by 2030 no matter what it costs.

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?

Increased use of new technology, and remaining aligned with the rest of the world or leading it is necessary for our products and services.

Summary

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

We need to set a target that can be achieved without any reliance on future technology that does not yet exist. We need to immediately stop all oil exploration in our seas, gradually transition away from dairy and into new green

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businesses. Plant many more forests.

Other comments

6. Is there any further information you wish the Government to consider? Please explain.
The government needs to calculate the costs to our economy if the climate goes over 2 degrees and make this public. Climate change is a security issue and needs to be treated as such.