

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?

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 its greenhouse gas emissions? For example, what would be a reasonable reduction in annual household consumption?

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?

Other comments

6. Is there any further information you wish the Government to consider? Please explain.
These questions are designed to avoid the main issue, which is that the proposed short term targets will make it difficult if not impossible to achieve the medium-term target of a 50% reduction by 2050, and will not ensure New Zealand's fair contribution to the global target of keeping below 2 degrees warming. There should be an unconditional target of at least a 20% reduction by 2020 (low-hanging fruit should make this achievable, even now), 30% by 2030, and so on. I am open to persuasion, from a thorough review of the reduction options readily available, that the 2020 target will have to be lower, but not that for 2030. Reductions are going to get increasingly harder to make, not increasingly easier, as we approach the goal of 50% by 2050.