

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?

Objectives guide NZ to zero emissions by 2050. Costs are reflected in charges to emitters. Income distribution issues are addressed separately

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? zero net emissions by 2050

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?
once target is set Gov should act with objective of making changes GDP/ capital attributable zero.
This may require reallocation of subsidies from high to low emitters.

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?
improved building and transport efficiency and emission control
reduced animal emissions
Increased vegetation
Improved control of industrial emitters

Summary

5. How should New Zealand take into account the future uncertainties of technologies and costs when setting its target?
set a tax on emissions which drives progress towards objective and adjust for technologies etc as they arise.

Other comments

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

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The free market is failing to reflect the impact that one persons actions have on others. Climate change is but one manifestation of this. A tax on emissions is one correction for this.

It is time for politicians to show leadership which convinces voters to support the long term interests of NZ rather than their uninformed short term whims.