

Setting New Zealand's post-2020 climate change target

Submission form

The Government is seeking views on New Zealand's post-2020 climate change contribution under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

You can have your say by making a submission using this form or using the online tool available at www.mfe.govt.nz/more/consultations.

For more information about this consultation:

- Read our [Consultation on New Zealand's post-2020 international climate change contribution web page](#)
- Read our discussion document: [New Zealand's Climate Change Target: Our contribution to the new international climate change agreement](#)

Submissions close at 5.00pm on Wednesday 3 June 2015.

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Objectives for the contribution

1a. We have set the following three objectives for our contribution:

- **it is seen as a fair and ambitious contribution – both by international and domestic audiences**
- **costs and impacts on society are managed appropriately**

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

Do you agree with these objectives for our contribution?

Yes

No

1b. What is most important to you?

1. Keep global warming below 2C to ensure a stable environment for NZ agricultural production.
2. Extract payment from polluters for the damage they cause.
3. Stream the revenue from emissions taxes/levies back to private taxpayers, not business.
4. Honour commits made in Te Tiriti o Waitangi

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?

1. NZ's claimed independence as an international actor should be used as a platform to lead by example as an emissions reducer and serve as a mediator between major polluters.
2. Utilisation of renewable energy sources can be maximised to minimise emissions.
3. Low-value fossil fuel reserves can be earmarked for embargo so they are never extracted.

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 do you think would be a reasonable impact on annual household consumption?

Emission-reduction costs should be determined as the break-even point compared against climate change costs, provided the 2C limit is achieved.

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?

In the longer term, I think that other opportunities will be more important in NZ's case:

- Declining demand for NZ meat and milk products will reduce agricultural emissions.
- Long-term collapse of the global financial system and the scarcity of the cheap, abundant fossil fuel that has powered economic growth in the 20th century will reduce consumption and this will reduce emissions from all sectors of the economy.

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.

When your submission is complete

Email your completed submission to climate.contribution@mfe.govt.nz or post to Climate Change Contribution Consultation, Ministry for the Environment, PO Box 10362, Wellington 6143.

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