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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?
Reduce impact of carbon on atmosphere so as to minimise global temperature rises, keep below 2 degrees celcius

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?
NZ needs to reassess the way economy is focused. At present national government is intent on making economic gains, searching off shore oil resources, instead of taking up commitment to live within the nations renewable natural resources and taking a self-sufficient sustainable approach to developing zero carbon economy.

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? the cost of not doing anything is far higher than not doing enough.

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?
subsidize renewable energy and research in to finding ways to tap renewable energy sources.-wind, sun, waves

Summary

5. How should New Zealand take into account the future uncertainties of technologies and costs when setting its target?
NZ should take a stand, not set itself up to be an exporter of raw products and becoming dependent on exports. Self-sufficient NZ would cost the country less.

Other comments

6. Is there any further information you wish the Government to consider? Please explain.
Self-sufficient economy based on towns and cities working together towards self-sufficiency. Think small and sustainable, change peoples habits from affluenza mentality promoted through K-marts and warehouses. National
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promotes a throw away society encourages the cheap imported Chinese products that fill the landfills and waste people pockets. Get back to home made and sustainable small home businesses that create local jobs and moral.. Don't allow growth of giant dairy corporates that cause environmental damage - to waterways, soils and animal welfare, let alone carbon emissions from cows themselves. Govt needs to take climate change seriously. We are small population base, and this doesn't give NZ the excuse do do less. We can make a stand and do much more than what we do now. get on the bike and walk, reduce obesity, eat healthy. Change the way we do things, start at national government level and take the lead. Money does not buy peace and prosperity when the hand that feeds us is unable to sustain the overpopulation that is the biggest threat to the world.