

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? No

1b. What is most important to you?

This submission is on behalf of Manaia Primary Health Organisation, where we are on the ground working in communities that will be directly affected by long term climate change. We are also the home of New Zealand's first Child and Youth Friendly Cities project, which values the child and youth voice, and includes them in decision making processes.

The following things are important to us:

1. People working in the Health need to be consulted on Climate Change, as there are a lot of health implications that will come with temperature changes. Climate action protects and can improve our health. Health and fairness costs and benefits need to be calculated in Climate Change work.
2. We need to recognise that what we do now will impact our children and the generations to follow. Our inaction now will damage the prospect of future generations to live a life as comfortable as what we enjoy. We need to make a serious investment in our future now.
3. We need a bipartisan agreement across political parties to commit to a climate policy which aims to
 - a. Have a zero carbon target by 2050,
 - b. achieve a 40% cut of domestic greenhouse gas emissions by 2030.
4. We need an independent commission to lead the climate change work in New Zealand.
5. We need a realistic plan for how we are going to achieve real change in the short time that we have.
6. We need an immediate moratorium on fossil fuel exploration, and a pledge to phase out existing extraction in the next decade.

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?

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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?

A reduction in household consumption should be done alongside industrial and agricultural reductions. The cost should be paid by everyone.

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?

We need to take into account the future generations and what the cost of NOT doing this work will be on them.

Other comments

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