

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).

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- 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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free by 2013. And then in 2012 they did a U-turn and claimed that global warming will cause more hurricanes. This is only a small example. Time and time again the deadlines that these "experts" give come and go and the world is still safe. For how many decades must we listen to their failed predictions before they lose credibility??? The temperature has not risen since 1998, even though our carbon emissions have continued to rise year in and year out. Even those enshrined in this political (it's not based on science any more) scam admit that any huge reduction in emissions would have such a small effect that it would hardly be measurable. Why are the politicians and those hell bent on catastrophic man-made global warming not seeing that the facts speak for themselves - we have not had any warming in 18 years, despite the increase in emissions. When will they admit that their computer models that this whole scam are based on are deeply flawed??? We know from a wide variety of accepted scientific data that we have had periods of higher temperatures in history in the Roman and Mediaeval Warmings, both of which when CO₂ levels were significantly lower. There is also evidence that we experienced a period known as "the Little Cooling" which coincided with a time when CO₂ levels were sharply rising. There are also no correlations between warming and higher sea levels. There is, however, a lot of new scientific data showing that global temperature changes correlates better with the patterns of solar radiation than with the rise in CO₂ emissions. Will the government then try to bring laws into power that try to regulate solar radiation? When will this charade end?

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?

As previously stated, I don't believe we should be setting any limits on emissions. We need to grow our economy, and with technology coming up with better and cleaner ways of using hydrocarbon fuels, our use of them should continue in order to be able to supply the cheap, plentiful and reliable electricity that we need in order for our businesses to improve, innovate, and take this country forward into prosperity. Who really wants to cut electricity and go back to the dark ages where our average life expectancy was barely 40 years old! If anyone thinks this is a great idea, I suggest they go live in some small hut in Africa and cook their meals over a fire fueled by dried dung.

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?

NZ\$0. We should not have any costs imposed on householders or businesses because we should not be trying to reduce greenhouse gas emissions because there is too much evidence showing that they have very little effect on global temperatures, and any effect they may have had has already been seen and has not resulted in the catastrophic destruction of the planet as the doomsayers have predicted. There is more evidence to suggest that a higher CO₂ level would be beneficial to man-kind as it would mean increased crop yields as anyone who has done basic biology in school knows that CO₂ is plant food!

We should not be subsidising the expensive and inefficient solar and wind energies. If people or businesses wish to use solar or wind energy, then that is fine. But it should be paid for by those individuals and not be at the expense of the tax payer and householders in the form of subsidies and increased power bills.

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?

Our emissions will naturally decrease as we find more and more efficient ways of using our hydrocarbon resources. We already have a great number of hydro power stations in place, and I do not think we need any more solar or wind as they are far too inefficient and unreliable. If we wish to avoid any more coal-fired power stations, then we can either use nuclear (zero CO₂) or natural gas (half the CO₂ as coal) power stations.

Summary

5. How should New Zealand take into account the future uncertainties of technologies and costs when setting its target?

As already discussed, we should not have a target for reducing greenhouse gas emissions at all.

Other comments

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

In future, if you wish to listen to some expert in some particular field, please find one who is not making wild and exaggerated claims. If they have been making claims for decades that just haven't come true, then ignore them! If they have been making exaggerated claims that were then proved wrong, and instead of admitting they were wrong, they go on to make even more extreme and absurd claims – then please use some common sense and ignore what they are saying! Why must humans go from one scare to the next? SARS, bird flu, swine flu, BSE, Y2K, asbestos, DDT – these are all things the media love to make sensationalised claims about that just never come true or were wildly exaggerated. The same is true of catastrophic man-made global warming. Let's end it now. The latest sun-spot data is suggesting we are heading for a cooler climate over the next few years – I'm sure by the end of that you'll all be complaining about the cold and trying to figure out how to induce more warming!

Put it this way. How much would it cost us to mitigate for a global temperature change of 2 degrees? Probably very little – a few more air conditioning units is the most likely need. How much has been wasted on trying to stop catastrophic man-made global warming from happening? Trillions of dollars world-wide. Imagine how many diseases we could have cured with that same money? Cancer, MS, alzheimers, AIDS, etc etc. Stop wasting money on the Emperor's New Clothes!!!

When your submission is complete

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