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?
Be leaders in terms of technology and ideology and put our planet and the future of our children first, regardless of what the other countries do.

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?
This ignores the cost of doing nothing. New Zealand is being hit by storms at increased regularity and of increased strength, which is hugely costly in terms of insurance and replacements etc. It will only get worse. we should set the target to at least match the pledge of the European Union to reduce by 40% by 2030

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?
There are financial benefits for households when they reduce their emissions, mostly by reducing their power consumption and petrol consumption by moving to more green alternatives of lighting, heating, transport etc. These should be taken into consideration.
What are the costs of doing nothing? The cost benefit analysis is not clear.

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?  don’t know.
but NZ can be a leader in terms of development of technologies

Summary

5. How should New Zealand take into account the future uncertainties of technologies and costs when setting its target?  it shouldn't

Other comments

6. Is there any further information you wish the Government to consider? Please explain.
four weeks consultation is too short. Meeting attendance has been huge and people should have been given more
lack of evidence in the document is disappointing, with particularly the lack of noting what would happen if nothing was done, and ignoring the cost of climate change.