

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?

We need to a contribution that pushes NZ to speed up action on transitioning to a low emissions world.

Our contribution needs to give us the moral leverage to push for ambitious contributions from all countries, especially the biggest economies.

We need to talk about the benefits - economic, social and health - to reducing emissions, as well as the costs.

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?

There is a lot of potential to reduce our use of private transport.

We could put a lot more focus into how reduced emissions technology can give us advantages in global markets.

We should stop fossil fuel exploration right now, and phase out fossil fuel extraction by 2025.

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?

At least a 40% reduction in consumption is reasonable, given the global cost of not acting and not sending a strong signal for change.

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?

They all need to be pursued, especially where they present opportunities for new jobs.

Summary

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

Other comments

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6. Is there any further information you wish the Government to consider? Please explain.
We need to focus on the benefits - economic, social and health - of taking action to reduce emissions.

We need to speak up with our Pacific neighbours who are already facing the cost of our inaction so far.