

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?

Recognition that the science is NOT "settled." On a subject as incredibly complex as the earth's changing climate any statement to the effect that "the science is settled" is in itself deeply unscientific and nothing more than politically motivated propaganda. The whole issue of climate change has become so politicised that the science has long since been tailored to fit the alarmist narrative. The science is at best debatable, at worst (and more likely) fraudulent.

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?

We should not be setting targets. If we must, as a result of international blackmail, they should be as low and as vague as possible

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?

The absolute minimum we can get away with. We should not be supporting something so obviously shonky.

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?

Irrelevant. None necessary. These are solutions looking for a problem. Unfortunately we may be blackmailed into doing something.

Summary

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

The uncertainties surround the whole question of what causes climate change. The cost of trying to prevent something which has been happening naturally for millennia is total waste.

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Other comments

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

The global warming which seems to occurred over the last 150 years or so is most likely a consequence of a cycle which can be traced back as far as records exist. When the Romans occupied Britain they were growing grapes as far north as Nottingham. The so-called dark ages following the collapse of Roman rule were also cold ages, but the climate improved again towards the end of the first millennium such that around the year 1200 it was probably a degree or two warmer than it is now (the medieval warm period). By the mid 15th century the temperature was roughly where it is now but the trend was down, not up, and the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries were an unpleasantly cold period known as The Little Ice Age. The earth started warming again in the early 1900s and the trend continues to this day.

These well documented facts are dismissed by the politically motivated alarmists as they don't fit the narrative. The whole man-made climate change scare is totally dishonest and we should do as little as we can without getting hammered by the global warming clobbering machine.