

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?

Fair and ambitious it has to be

Costs and impacts on society and environment of NOT doing anything must be the priority

It should be OBLIGATORY for NZ to follow for a transition to a ZERO emissions world

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?

With merely 4M people in a benign climate it would be simple to transition to a zero carbon economy by 2050 if not earlier.

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?

If you can manage to see beyond the neo liberal, small government paradigm then there can only be economic gains from investing in alternative energy and transitioning to zero emissions economy.

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?

It is not a matter of which are most likely to occur. All HAVE TO occur if we are to have a livable future. Anything is possible if the government shows moral and financial leadership. Look at the US after the 1930s crash, UK in and post the 2nd world war. We need the equivalent of these responses to tackle the climate change problem

Summary

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

You cannot rely on future technological advances. None look good at this stage and we need to act NOW.

Other comments

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6. Is there any further information you wish the Government to consider? Please explain. Ditch the neo liberal capitalist approach. Invest and lead.