

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).

You can have your say by making a submission using this form or using the online tool available at www.mfe.govt.nz/more/consultations.

For more information about this consultation:

- 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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Questions to guide your feedback

Your submission may address any aspect of the discussion document, but we would appreciate you paying particular attention to the questions posed throughout and listed in this form. You may answer some or all of the questions. To ensure your point of view is clearly understood, you should explain your rationale and provide supporting evidence where appropriate.

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Objectives for the contribution

1a. We have set the following three objectives for our contribution:

- it is seen as a fair and ambitious contribution – both by international and domestic audiences
- costs and impacts on society are managed appropriately
- it must guide New Zealand over the long term in the global transition to a low emissions world.

Do you agree with these objectives for our contribution?

- Yes
 No

1b. What is most important to you?

That New Zealand takes significant, immediate action to address this most serious issue. Sacrifices will have to be made for the greater good - it's not easy but some hard choices now will lessen the impacts we'll get later.

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?

Irrelevant - we need to lead on this issue and do all we can. The long-term economic impacts are so huge that taking a hit now will look very reasonable when looking back at this moment from 2050.

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?**

Work out the level of reduction need to significantly mitigate risk and work from there. If you're morbidly obese you set the weight loss target and go from there not from 1kg per month sounds reasonable.

- 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?**

Reductions have to be made across the board, mostly on consumption.

Summary

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

Ignore them, work with what we have now, don't assume there's a silver bullet around the corner.

Other comments

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

New Zealand should be a leader in dealing with climate change. International leadership has been a hallmark of New Zealand's history - now more than ever we need to fulfil that role.

When your submission is complete

Email your completed submission to climate.contribution@mfe.govt.nz or post to Climate Change Contribution Consultation, Ministry for the Environment, PO Box 10362, Wellington 6143.

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