

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? Yes

1b. What is most important to you?

Externality costs are captured and emission polluters are held to account fairly, irrespective of industry (e.g. dairy).

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?

Our economy is based on high emission industry and per capita, New Zealanders are some of the worst emission polluters. The targets we set should have a dramatic reform and paradigm shift from our current industry practises. The target that is set should act as a 'benchmark' for all other OECD countries and shift our economy to living within our environmental means.

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?

A high level of cost should be implemented to force behavioural changes. GHG emissions have been a target of debate since the late 80's a little change has been implemented. Whilst GHG emissions have significantly increased. The cost should be incurred primarily on industry in the first instance, which should reduce their annual consumption by 50%. If this is not feasible, then an economic shift will be required.

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?

In the past 25 years no significant change has occurred. It is unlikely any will by 2020.

Summary

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

Other comments

6. Is there any further information you wish the Government to consider? Please explain. 46% GHG emissions

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from the dairy industry. This needs to be the focus of change.