

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 *Are't these objectives obvious?*
- No

1b. What is most important to you?

That New Zealand makes a commitment that we can be proud of (like the nuclear free commitment), not the minimum we can get away with.

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?

The large, and already established renewable energy resources, makes it particularly easy for NZ to make a significant contribution. Agricultural emissions should be easily reducible through research results, and ² big changes in agricultural practices and production.

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?

At least \$2000 per annum, and probably more. Much of this should come from increased taxes on petroleum products. This would also be helpful by

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?

Avoiding waste, and by doing so, using less resources. The TV presentations by EECA are necessarily simplistic, and in my Summary opinion annoying, and a complete waste of money.

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

Yes, of course, but the commitment is so loose, that this is assumed from the start.

Other comments

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

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.

Submissions close at 5.00pm on Wednesday 3 June 2015.

In Summary

(i) The target is much too low.

(ii) We should not use the carbon credit market. It would be much better to use this money for promoting research and action in New Zealand.

(iii) Research budget for reducing agricultural emissions is pathetically low. Also, how much of this is used for administration, surveys, and determining policy? The emphasis must be on experimental studies and field trials.

(iv) Taxation on fossil fuels should be increased, and the funds directed³ to research as in (iii) above. Taxation increase would also significantly reduce use of petroleum products.

(v) NZ's target should be one we can be proud of, and an initiative which challenges others to emulate. It must not suggest a country doing as little as it can.