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?
Just get on and achieve the required emissions cuts. The rest of your statement is just about looking for excuses for inaction.

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 current emissions target is too low. It is embarrassing and we are not doing our part as a good global citizen. The nature of our economy is largely due to our own doing, and failure to price emissions from dairy farming, so this is of no relevance. Further our relative abundance of new clean energy sources, and the inefficiency of our current transport system make it relatively easy to achieve cuts when compared to other developed nations. Our historically high use of hydro is and geothermal is precisely because those resources are so abundant here, it does not make the job harder as alleged by your discussion document

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?

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?

Summary

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

Other comments

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