

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?

The most important thing to me is that I strongly feel that we have already waited far too long to seriously address Climate Change, the greatest threat to all life on earth in history. Because we have waited so long to act, we must not be stopped or slowed down by concerns about "costs and impacts on society" and how those might be managed. My demand is that New Zealand's contribution must be first and foremost extremely ambitious in seriously attacking climate change head on and without fear of the sacrifices that we New Zealanders would face as a result of our courageous contribution.

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?

I do not think that the "nature of New Zealand's emissions and economy" should be considered at all in deciding the level of target we set. We must now focus on simply setting the largest and most ambitious target of restricting emissions that we possibly can, while trusting that our people can and will shoulder whatever actions are necessary to save our children's future climate. If we stop now to worry about our own possible difficulties we will vastly limit our ability to take a strong stand among all other nations to solve humanity's greatest threat of all time.

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?

No matter what level of cost to our generation that we commit to now could ever even approach the extreme costs faced by future generations if we do not ACT courageously now!!

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?

Absolutely all possible opportunities to reduce New Zealand's emissions must be utilized just as every new opportunity must be used as and when they arise. We must be alert to every possibility to reduce emissions and must be literally on a "war footing" in going to war for the future welfare of our children and our planet and every present and future living being that inhabits our earth.

Summary

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

I strongly believe that New Zealand definitely should not "take into account the future uncertainties of technologies and costs when setting its target." Our time for living in fear of costs and uncertainties is over. New Zealand must focus now upon being fearlessly courageous and leading the world in definitive action to reduce carbon emissions and act for our children and grandchildren more than for ourselves and our fears.

Other comments

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