

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?

That effect policies are put into place to actually reduce emissions comparable to the US and Europe for the same timeframes. That forestry plays a significant role.

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?

1. Means we can easily generate our entire electricity generation from renewables. 2. Means that we have opportunity to change farming practices. Means we can make deep cuts.

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? 2k per year.

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? All of them.

Summary

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

By an aggressive reforestation programme. The government can easily solve uncertainties by ramping up reforestation as required.

Other comments

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

The science is clear that increasing the worlds temperature by 2 degrees will have disasterous results. Yet New Zealand continues to increase emissions. We actually need to come under 2 degrees and this will be better realised by the public in the coming years. Because climate change is going to be a world issue for the decades to centuries ahead, New Zealand can't be seen as one of the countries that argued for concessions and weak targets. Because this is how we would be remembered for a very long time.

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The government needs to change tack and get serious.