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?
There should be NO emissions target, we are an agricultural based country. We benefit from additional Co2 which is a plant food not a pollutant, this is why greenhouse owners add extra Co2 to increase growth and why there has been an increase in green biomass worldwide. There has been no rise in temperature for almost 2 decades despite around 1/3 of all Co2 emitted by people since 1750 occurring in those 2 decades. Statistically rates of warming per decade are indistinguishable between 1860 - 1880 = 0.16c, 1910 - 1940 = 0.15c and 1975 and 2009 = 0.16c. In Central England the period from 1694 to 1733 there was a rise equivalent to 4.33c per century way before the industrial period. They blamed people for changes in weather then too, the difference is we don't burn to death those accused ( yet ) thankfully.

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?
Any target set will be a net cost to New Zealanders for no benefit and no change to the climate.

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?
NO cost is appropriate for something that won’t make a blind bit of difference to the climate, it would certainly affect my pocket and the way I vote though.

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?
Emerging technologies in energy use will continue to improve through new discoveries regardless of any unnecessary emissions targets. However making families and business’ poorer with red tape and expensive unreliable electricity will obviously effect the uptake of useful new technology.

Summary

5. How should New Zealand take into account the future uncertainties of technologies and costs when setting its target?
There should be NO target. Technologies should either rise or fall on their own merits without government intervention.

Other comments

6. Is there any further information you wish the Government to consider? Please explain.
The government should consider natural variability in climate and dump the propaganda such as the short film and paperwork that accompanies this consultation.  
It is not hard to find the science that is reproducible and real, more and more people are doing just that.