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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 we as a country are taking action and addressing issues that will impact on our and our children’s future.

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 think that the hardest part is the balance between what is economically viable and what may have to be done to reverse environmental damage done.
These targets...
"between 15 per cent above 1990 levels to 10 per cent below 1990 levels.... "
need to be a starting point that is taken with awareness that more will need to be taken to reach the goals we seek.

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?
To survive some steps must be made. No one is going to welcome them - but some must happen. If the public is aware fully of what is needed and able to feel an active part in the decision making historically as a country we have always been able to face the hard decisions that impact on us all. I would hope that would still happen.

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?
I would hope that they could all happen.
Most likely? Not sure I can answer that.

Summary

5. How should New Zealand take into account the future uncertainties of technologies and costs when setting its target?
With consultation that involved the population as a whole. This is not something that a few can do or that can be legislated for to work effectively. This is an issue that effects us all, impacts on us all and that we all have a
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responsibility to be looking at what action we can each take and what Government concerns we can encourage and support.

Other comments

6. Is there any further information you wish the Government to consider? Please explain. Not at this moment.