

# 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?

Environment takes precedence over economy. NZ is in a unique position to show the world how a nation can be transformed.

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?

What is "fair" is of little importance. Approaching the question from this angle shows a failure to understand the gravity of the problem.

NZ and the world need leaders who 1) understand the science 2) educate the population 3) lead the population through fast & radical change & innovation.

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?

The level of cost (in economic terms) is of little relevance.

Current/predicted levels of consumption of dairy and meat make up almost half of the predicted carbon emissions between now and 2050. We can not substantially reduce our nation's carbon emissions without radically changing our meat and dairy industries. Tax these heavily and use the funds to subsidize "green" research and projects; E.g. low-carbon agriculture, reforestation, cycleways and public transport in place of motorways.

We did it for smoking—we can do it for meat, dairy, cars and other high-carbon emitters.

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? None. Meat, dairy and innovation are the most important.

## Summary

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

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target?

Economic success is irrelevant in the wake of environmental failure. So environmental success must be a higher priority than economic success.

Nevertheless; distribute risk by investing in many different green R&D projects.

Other comments

6. Is there any further information you wish the Government to consider? Please explain.  
To date, NZ has been a coward in terms of climate change policy. Continuing this trend will result in environmental failure and the end of human civilization.

I plore the leaders of New Zealand to be LEADERS, not cowards, and prioritise the environment over the economy.