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?
it would be good to overachieve and be a world leader....of course there are costs, but the benefits for future generations has to be one of the driving forces behind what we do today.

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 see no reason why NZ (given its low cost and availability of producing electricity) can’t lead the world in carbon emissions from vehicles by doing away with fossil fuels by a given date.

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?
Do away with plastic bags and use renewable paper containers. Do away with fossil fuels for vehicles by Developing hydrogen plants for hydrogen engined and electric cars.

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?
Once again stick to what we are good at and richly blessed with.....the ability to produce cheap and renewable energy and electricity.....use the nil emission resources to produce energy to power out homes and cars.

Summary

5. How should New Zealand take into account the future uncertainties of technologies and costs when setting its target?
Unless you have a target you won’t find solutions to achieve it. NZ is known for its innovation and development...be a world leader.
We know what we are good at...the decisions should be based on what is available now with the view that it is only going to be better developed the resources www commit.
6. Is there any further information you wish the Government to consider? Please explain.
We have a unique opportunity to lead the world and become very efficient in the process. The reduction of the use and dependence on fossil fuels and the increased use of renewable energy sources that NZ has available should be explored further. Turn off the bluff smelter and use the electricity to provide the energy for a hydrogen plant.