

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?

1. It needs to BE a fair and ambitious contribution, not just seen as one. New Zealand needs to be a leader in transitioning to a low carbon future(3), as such a contribution is necessary for a future that is, not only liveable, but also can be BETTER than what we have now. We need to commit to change.
2. costs and impacts, while being managed, should not be given power to prevent change, as the costs of impacts if we don't act, according to scientists, will be far greater! We also need to remember/focus on what we will gain!

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?

This question is fundamentally flawed. It classes "protecting" the economy over protecting the world. New Zealand needs to be a leader. Economy does not define us. Ecology and economy actually come from the same root - ecology is the study of the world, economy is the managing of it. The economy should be used to make the best world possible, therefore the level of target we set should be in line with what science says is necessary.

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?

Listen to what the scientists say is necessary and then that level of cost is, not only reasonable it is NECESSARY. Household "costs" may in fact be gains, so do not vie away from change.

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 are important, LISTEN TO THE SCIENCE, reduce carbon emissions, do everything we need to do.

Summary

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

What is the worst that might possibly happen? Climate change. Do what we need to do with what we have now to make the impacts of climate change have least impact on society. Why would we not want to build a more equal,

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more connected, moral and forward thinking society? This is an opportunity to make an amazing difference, it is our responsibility to make the future an awesome one - it won't happen if we do nothing! Climate change will.

Other comments

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

Climate change is a scientific fact, please, when making your decisions, listen to the scientists about what needs to be done! Don't let comfortable, apathetic people who don't know the risks and don't like change prevent you from committing to an awesome, leading, ambitious, and NECESSARY target. We can make an awesome future, a better society, make that happen! Please. The costs if we don't act, or bow down, are far too high.