

Setting New Zealand's post-2020 climate change target

Submission form

The Government is seeking views on New Zealand's post-2020 climate change contribution under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

You can have your say by making a submission using this form or using the online tool available at www.mfe.govt.nz/more/consultations.

For more information about this consultation:

- Read our [Consultation on New Zealand's post-2020 international climate change contribution web page](#)
- Read our discussion document: [New Zealand's Climate Change Target: Our contribution to the new international climate change agreement](#)

Submissions close at 5.00pm on Wednesday 3 June 2015.

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Questions to guide your feedback

Your submission may address any aspect of the discussion document, but we would appreciate you paying particular attention to the questions posed throughout and listed in this form. You may answer some or all of the questions. To ensure your point of view is clearly understood, you should explain your rationale and provide supporting evidence where appropriate.

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Objectives for the contribution

1a. We have set the following three objectives for our contribution:

- **it is seen as a fair and ambitious contribution – both by international and domestic audiences**
- **costs and impacts on society are managed appropriately**
- **it must guide New Zealand over the long term in the global transition to a low emissions world.**

Do you agree with these objectives for our contribution?

Yes

No

1b. What is most important to you?

Fair doesn't matter. Ambitious, yes, but don't just match international targets. Better them, lead the way.

We don't have a choice. Everybody must do as much as they can. Bugger the cost.

What is most important? Halting and reversing climate change as soon as possible. It is the most important issue we face individually, as a nation, and globally.

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?**

It means nothing. Don't use the nature of our emissions and economy as an excuse.

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 do you think would be a reasonable impact on annual household consumption?**

Whatever it takes is reasonable. 50 percent of income is reasonable if that is what is needed.

- 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?**

Some or all may occur, but it's not going to be enough. Yes low carbon is essential. Yes reducing emissions is vital. And forest sinks are probably the most important opportunity identified on p15.

But none of it addresses the key issues. Swapping to alternative fuels, or increasing renewables or lower carbon electricity, does not change much overall. Lifestyles have to change, priorities have to change. We have to slow down, reduce consumerism, focus local, do what we need to do and not wait for other countries to lead. Forget about the economic cost or disadvantage. It's not a choice, it's an imperative.

Summary

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

We can't rely on future technologies. We have to set a target and embrace whatever technology we have now. We can't keep putting it off until some new technology is invented. We can't wait. Do as much as we can NOW. If new technology arises then use that too.

Other comments

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

The discussion document is very disappointing. The overall impression is that you are looking for an excuse to do as little as possible:

- we can't afford it
- there will be economic consequences of doing more

- it'll affect our trade
- we only need to do as much as other countries
- we're special—we already have low carbon agriculture and electricity generation.

We need to do the opposite. We need to do as much as we can. Then **challenge the rest of the world** to match us!

I want to see a **target of at least 50% below 1990 levels**. And I want to see an action plan, based on technologies and science available NOW.

Here are some **actions** to help achieve that:

- independent Climate Commission—this is too big for party politics
- set an action plan, full of big ballsy targets
- reforest one third of New Zealand
- all central and local government to be zero carbon in 10 years
- immediately fix the emission trading scheme and include agriculture, or introduce a comprehensive carbon tax so that prices reflect carbon emission/pollution
- immediate halt to oil and gas exploration, fracking, and deep sea drilling
- implement low-carbon farming (eg organics, permaculture, biodynamics) focused on profits not volume, and on land-use appropriate to land conditions
- focus on local economy instead of international trade
- reverse urban sprawl and promote provincial development
- remove any subsidies to polluters like oil and gas electricity, drillers, coal mining
- reduce waste and consumerism ie less consumption

This is not a cost. **It's an investment**. In our future, in our planet's future. All the science shows that if we don't, in less than one generation's time we'll pass the tipping point from which there are no more opportunities, no turning back. Before the end of this century, probably before, there will be catastrophic changes in the climate and ecology.

If we don't do something drastic soon, something drastic will happen to us.

And walk away from the TPPA. Any and all of the actions needed to stop climate pollution are threatened by TPPA. We should be free to decide our own laws without the risk of interference or litigation by multinational companies under ISDS.

When your submission is complete

Email your completed submission to climate.contribution@mfe.govt.nz or post to Climate Change Contribution Consultation, Ministry for the Environment, PO Box 10362, Wellington 6143.

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