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?
That global warming is kept under 2 degrees Celsius as recommended by climate scientists

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?
At least 40% below 1990 levels. This means we have to commit to big and very necessary changes. It is the only responsible thing to do. We need to be in "war effort mode". The results of global warming, if it is not contained, will be far more disastrous than any war in all of history. To not make the effort and sacrifices would be grossly unfair for future generations.

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?

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?

Summary

5. How should New Zealand take into account the future uncertainties of technologies and costs when setting its target?
It would only cost an estimated $1,800 reduction in annual household consumption for a 40% reduction, which is only $530 more than a 5% reduction. The cost to future generations would far outweigh any costs in the present day.

Every opportunity should be taken to reduce emissions -eg reduce livestock, go organic (which reduces emissions and locks more carbon in the soil). Organic products are the way of the future and are more and more in demand, offering a huge economic opportunity.

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