

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?

Long term sustainable use of our environment so future generations can enjoy a healthy, happy life with what we leave behind. Using our land in an efficient productive manor that leaves no negative environmental impacts. Reducing our greenhouse gas emissions through education of individual responsibilities and encouraging actions in lifestyle choices that reduce heavy consumption of animal agriculture and fossil fuels.

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?

New Zealand's greatest contribution would be through investing in technology and education for the reduction of environmental damage from animal agriculture. We are seen world wide as an agricultural country we need to be an example of clean animal agriculture, better still invest in alternative productive uses for our land that do not have mass greenhouse gas emissions at the levels of dairy production. Produce a model for land based food production that allows our environment to thrive not just sustain.

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?

The greatest reduction of New Zealand households greenhouse gas emissions is through personal food choices specifically a reduced consumption of animal products. There's no financial cost involved just an educational cost, I don't expect people to become vegan that would be unrealistic and a step too far for most but any reduction would be a positive step. It's hippo critical to consider ourselves as environmentalist yet fuel greenhouse gas emissions through our consumption of animal agricultural products. Recycling at the kirb side feels good but it's not the big issue for New Zealand. The objection will be that at present our main export is animal agriculture, this is not the only use for our land and needs to be challenged as it is New Zealand's greatest negative environmental contributor.

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?

The most likely to occur is more investment in forestry as a carbon offset for our agricultural industry when we should be addressing and reducing our greatest emissions source as outlined in the discussion document. If we could invest in alternatives to animal agriculture with a fraction of the environmental impacts we would surpass any

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emissions reduction targets beyond what would be expected, that's what we should challenge ourselves to do.

Summary

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

By innovative initiatives and new thinking technologies won't be the determining barrier to achieving mass emission reductions the barrier will be perspective, fresh thinking bold ideas and courage for change. Without tackling the major issue we're failing ourselves for side stepping an opportunity for a greater future.

Other comments

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