

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?

Climate change management is paramount for the well-being of our children and grandchildren, requiring immediate and ongoing attention and focus.

New Zealand must take strong performance in this area, setting a good example for other countries.

We are innovative and can draw on modern and new technologies to create solutions for some of the problems, for adoption by ourselves and others.

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 should set a minimum of 40% emissions reduction by 2030.

A significant target for us, using current and imminent technology will be to eliminate our Energy 22% contribution to emissions.

Encouragement of wind and solar farms and solar distributed generation (solar panel systems on roofs); tidal generation (all our cities are beside the sea) is coming.

We may for instance be able to produce solar panels as a local industry to assist. Old non-renewable generation can be progressively retired by 2030.

Focus and research must also continue into our other emission components - particularly agriculture and transport. THERE IS NO WAY NZ NEEDS OR WISHES TO BE A BUYER OF CARBON CREDITS.

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 would be a reasonable reduction in annual household consumption?

Carbon offsets will not be needed by NZ.

Due to the importance of appropriate climate change management there will inevitably be assorted cost changes for household consumption. An impact of \$2,000 per household in 2027 would be an acceptable working figure.

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? 100% renewable electricity generation by 2030, including solar and tidal.

Summary

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5. How should New Zealand take into account the future uncertainties of technologies and costs when setting its target? Crystal ball gazing, plus the best available scientific information.

Other comments

6. Is there any further information you wish the Government to consider? Please explain.
Government must give Climate Change immediate attention and focus, putting it firmly at the top of their priority list, show strong leadership in it, and obtain cross-party collaboration.