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?
Fair is a subjective word, it should not be included.
The most important thing is for us as a country to do our utmost to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. We can then claim to be a clean green country.

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? A target of carbon neutrality by 2050 is realistic.

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?
Whatever it cost to become carbon neutral. We should set the objectives then find ways of doing as cheaply as possible. We should not decide on what we want to spend first.
The present situation is similar to a war. In war we don't only spend what we think we can afford, we find the money to do what needs to be done.

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?
Use of electric vehicles. Solar water heating and photovoltaic panels. Legislation to ensure excess electricity produced by individuals will be bought at market, or a set rate needs to be introduced.
Coal production and use should be phased out.
A change to plant from animal farming should be encouraged. A plant based diet is healthier and uses less resources than an animal based diet.

Summary

5. How should New Zealand take into account the future uncertainties of technologies and costs when setting its target?
NZ should NOT take into account future uncertainties of technologies, if we do we'll never get anywhere.
New technologies will provide opportunities we cannot even dream of at present. We must adapt quickly when they arrive.
6. Is there any further information you wish the Government to consider? Please explain. We must consider future agricultural use of land. Global food security is important but the most efficient way of achieve this is through plant based agriculture and diets.