

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?

The most important aspect is to take care of our environment, by that I don't mean a generic statement, it means regardless of climate change we need care for our soil, waterways, coastline, forests, wildlife, air quality, and fellow human beings. Whether emissions are linked to climate change or not, whether we can stop it or not is not important, as all emissions and other affiliated forms of pollution are still highly toxic to the environment and health of all life on the planet. This makes it a moral and ethical issue as much if not more than any other. Please stop making it an economic one, which it is absolutely not.

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?

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?

As it is evident in the document most of the problem are not households but industry. Thus, strict limitations on dairy farming (without economically pandering to the Dairy lobby) and transport are the obvious resolutions. The transportation involved in the food distribution is absolutely insane in New Zealand, where produce grown in one location is sent to be processed in another part of the country and then sent back the locations where it is cultivated (eg. Napier - Palmerston North and then Napier again). The same goes for dairy and meat production. These were once produced and distributed locally, and thus required far less intensive methods, and had far better oversight of their methods as the locals were directly involved with the processes that made their foodstuffs.

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?

If the government pursues the right choices instead of creating a portfolio for another election campaign, aka stop being spineless panderers and follow through with the real changes necessary to carry New Zealand to a better future.

Summary

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

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target?

When embarking on changing the world for the better everybody always faced uncertainties, but at all times we decided collectively as humans that the moral obligation to better the world superseded the worries and about uncertainties.

But tot he point, if we haven't the technology to help us deal with the pollution we create, we don't pollute until we find out the solution, we stop polluting until we find out, in the same way that you don't stop smoking after you get terminal lung cancer and hope that there will be cure for it soon, you stop to avoid it in the first place, unless of course, you are an idiot.

Other comments

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

Yes, please consider the people and future generations that have to carry New Zealand on their shoulders instead of constantly reverting to short sighted self serving political and economic goals.