




Setting New Zealand's post-2020 climate change target

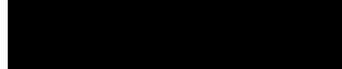
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Yes; a significant contribution (per capita) restricting carbon emissions should be offered to the Paris Conference.

And yes; the costs should be borne evenly across businesses and households.

But New Zealand and its government are held captive by a farming lobby determined to avoid its share. In particular the **dairy sector has intensified** and expanded with a consequent blow out in nitrous oxides, yet has contributed little in generating real national wealth for all that.

I believe we as a country could all resolve to take some pain, if agribusiness were seen to be shouldering its share of the burden. I take an exception to your line from box 4: '....food security is a major global issue'. Much of our agri-emmission increases are derived from what is now inefficient, unsustainable and unnecessary dairy commodities that the world will barely miss, should their volume be reduced.

Central Government should move to contain further expansion of intensive dairy, refuse resource consents, and stop proposed irrigation schemes. There is no future in it anyway.

If the dairy industry would pay its bit, the rest of us would accept changes and costs.