

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?
that NZ sets goals in line with international standards, and achieves those goals

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?

The target should be the priority, we should do the maximum we can afford (we shouldn't use agriculture and low population density as an excuse for a low target)

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?

At least 20% per annum. Everyone needs to play their part, but those who can afford to should reduce their consumption by a greater percentage. To encourage less use of private motor vehicles, there need to be better public transport and cycle options in place in cities. Waste reduction should be a high priority, with incentives in place to reduce waste from the manufacture, use and disposal of household items.

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?

Biofuel and alternative transport. The use of public transport (trains and buses) together with cycling as alternative modes of transport should be widely encouraged. European cities have been doing this for a long time, NZ should follow their lead.

Summary

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

NZ should follow and heed the advice of experts in the fields, both from within NZ and from overseas.

Other comments

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