

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?

Emissions targets are unrealistic. It is ridiculous to try to cut emissions below what they were 2 decades ago when the population is growing by 50,000 - 60,000 people per annum.

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?

NZ has the 4th highest percentage of renewable electricity generation in the OECD. NZ had a similarly commendable record at the time it went in to Kyoto. Whilst there are other areas where emissions can be reduced, we should not cripple our economy with ideologically driven targets.

Current targets are totally unrealistic. A sensible and fair target would be to reduce our emissions from 2015 levels by 20% over the next 20 years on a per capita basis.

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?

Nil. Household consumption should not have to reduce per se. Efficiency gains and reduced use of fossil fuels could achieve a sensible reduction in our greenhouse gas emissions.

Yes we should do our share, no we should not carry other countries on our shoulders.

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?

Fuel and energy efficiency improvements will benefit us. Improvements in agricultural best practice will also afford opportunity for gains. We should provide incentives for the forestry industry and afforestation in general, as opposed to the current approach of punishing the forestry sector with a punitive regime.

Summary

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

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target?

NZ should abandon its commitment to Kyoto and set sensible and reasonable targets which are relevant to NZ. I say again RELEVANT TO NZ.

We should not penalise the forestry industry, as we currently do, when this industry is the one helping our emissions reductions. Rather we should be providing incentives which would grow the forestry sector voluntarily.

Other comments

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

The public consultation meetings have been hijacked by a vociferous and ideologically driven minority. They shout down opposing views and these "public consultation meetings" have been a farce which is not representative of main stream New Zealanders opinions.