

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?

The first objective especially in relation to ambitious, we have stalled for too long, it is time to be courageous, we do not have the luxury of time any more to wait for 'technological solutions' to avert climate change.

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?

We need to show some integrity and honour the science and recommendations of the IPCC, the target of 5% below 1990 emissions is achievable with good leadership and a communications plan to implement, people will be inconvenienced we all need to change how we move around and do business as part of the global community.

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?

A behaviour change/social marketing campaign is required to increase awareness and encourage all to take action to mitigate climate change impacts. I think you would need to have a transition, starting at something like 10% and increasing incrementally each year to a figure that does require serious behavior change - incentives would need to be attached to encourage change. People will need to be inconvenienced and need to understand why.

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?

We should be exploring across all areas, personal households, increasing public transport - less reliance on personal vehicles, industry and agriculture all need to do their part.

Summary

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

There are many clever climate change scientists and economists who can answer this better than me, this is issue is urgent, it is the biggest threat to mankind, we have to be brave and courageous. I don't want to be the generation who does nothing, I want a future for our children.

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Other comments

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

I implore you to be courageous, use the innovators, scientists, economists and expertise available and make the tough decisions - we all need to live differently and we can with some leadership and political will this government could be remembered as being the one that has made a difference for a more sustainable future. There is no secure future unless all countries make a real contribution to reducing emissions significantly - now - we have no more time to debate this issue.