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 importance of stopping the increase in carbon emissions is most important contribution we can make. It doesn't matter what we are doing compared with other countries. if we take lead other countries will follow. I am not naive in a business sense, combating climate change in most cases seems to be expensive. but this is short term. The cost of dealing with the problems we will be facing later in century will be far more expensive than dealing with them now. I am worried the national government wants to make money for the rest of their term to be seen as a 'successful' government by voters. Because of this I am worried any real/expensive changes won't be made. National would do well to be remembered as the government who put short term financial game aside for the better or future generations.

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?
its not what we want people want to hear but the only solution is to reduce investment in agriculture to reduce emissions. Government needs to invest more in education to encourage the development of more specialised industries other than tourism and agriculture.

How will our contribution affect New Zealanders?

3. What level of cost is appropriate for New Zealand to reduce it's greenhouse gas emissions? For example, what would be a reasonable reduction in annual household consumption?
the cost of the long term impacts will greatly outweigh the short term costs of a meaningful contribution to COP21

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?
forestry will not offset emissions as the trees will inevitably be cut down. We need to replant native forest. Its not all about making money

Summary

5. How should New Zealand take into account the future uncertainties of technologies and costs when setting its target?
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financial difficulties of committing to an ambitious climate target should encourage

Other comments

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