

# 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 the contribution is fair and ambitious

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?

It has some relevance but should not be used as a means of avoiding our international obligations. We should contribute at a level that, combined with similar contributions from other countries, allows the world to stay under 2 degrees of warming.

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?

The question is too simplistic because it appears to be based on modelling that assumes NZ buys international units to meet its commitments. There are other ways e.g more forestry, energy efficiency incentives, renewables incentives, electric vehicle incentives etc etc. It should also be possible to set policies that avoid those on low incomes being adversely affected.

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 sinks.

## Summary

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

We need to remain flexible and to ensure resilience. It is particularly important to maintain a clear sense of direction so that those making investments know that there will be a stability in the future. The poor handling of forestry policies, and consequent reduction in planting, is an example of what not to do.

## Other comments

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

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