

Setting New Zealand's post-2020 climate change target

Submission form

The Government is seeking views on New Zealand's post-2020 climate change contribution under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

You can have your say by making a submission using this form or using the online tool available at www.mfe.govt.nz/more/consultations.

For more information about this consultation:

- Read our [Consultation on New Zealand's post-2020 international climate change contribution web page](#)
- Read our discussion document: [New Zealand's Climate Change Target: Our contribution to the new international climate change agreement](#)

Submissions close at 5.00pm on Wednesday 3 June 2015.

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Questions to guide your feedback

Your submission may address any aspect of the discussion document, but we would appreciate you paying particular attention to the questions posed throughout and listed in this form. You may answer some or all of the questions. To ensure your point of view is clearly understood, you should explain your rationale and provide supporting evidence where appropriate.

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Objectives for the contribution

1a. We have set the following three objectives for our contribution:

- it is seen as a fair and ambitious contribution – both by international and domestic audiences
- costs and impacts on society are managed appropriately
- it must guide New Zealand over the long term in the global transition to a low emissions world.

Do you agree with these objectives for our contribution?

- Yes
 No

1b. What is most important to you?

Reducing emissions by at least 40%

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?

I think that NZ can't afford to further expand its agriculture because of the high output of methane and we need to get away from our heavy reliance on fossil fuels and make the use of electric cars easier and cheaper. NZ is small and adaptable and should set an example

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 do you think would be a reasonable impact on annual household consumption?

It will cost but I think the cost should be put on the actual user which is not happening enough at the moment.

Sitting on our hands will cost far more in the long run and is not an option as we need to avoid serious consequences of climate change

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?

-Government needs to put a stop to the extraction of oil and gas in our country and certainly not issue any more permits

-Gov. needs to invest in electric trains and other public transport and reduce the spending on roads but instead allow for safe biking and walking.

-There should be incentives for landowners to plant and protect trees and possibly even to put carbon into the ground. The current gov. is doing exactly the opposite and has lifted the protection of native trees and they seem to be getting cut down all around us. Extraction of carbon such as Swamp Kauri here in Mangawhai should be illegal.

-Government should be more pro- active in taxing power wasting equipment. For example inefficient electrical appliances and gas guzzling cars should result in taxes such as higher road user charges for cars.

-Households should be encouraged with subsidies to invest in alternative power and companies supplying electricity need to pay fair prices for buying surplus. - Gov. investing in science and innovation is important and needs to be increased but investing in GE technology is a waste of time and money as the risks associated with this technology are too great and are not likely to be accepted by New Zealand citizens

Summary

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

Gov. should not take them into account at all but be brave and aim high because waiting any longer to significantly reduce carbon emissions will cost far more in the long run.

It should encourage carbon reduction on every level. The suggested domestic policies should be implemented as soon as possible

Other comments

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

The notion that the economy will grow indefinitely needs to be revised as we live on a finite planet

When your submission is complete

Email your completed submission to climate.contribution@mfe.govt.nz or post to Climate Change Contribution Consultation, Ministry for the Environment, PO Box 10362, Wellington 6143.

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