

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?

to save this planet from extinction

to provide a base for our children and grandchildren to still enjoy life even when we the current decision makers will have died

to reduce and revert man-made destruction of life and preserve as many species as possible

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?

the target has to be 40% of emission reductions compared to the levels of 1990, by 2030 - radical changes are called for, this is a time of intense crisis - for ALL LIFE, regardless of national boundaries. Only a bold statement will engender bold and far-reaching ideas and actions and yield those measurable results in the environment that are called for now, on a national and global level.

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?

Any reduction will be feasible because without eco-logy, there will be no eco-nomy.

The price for the hybris and the mistakes of our forebears (and our own!) that exploited the planet to the brink of extinction has to be paid by all of us now. The cost of not changing direction and priorities is too high and can't possibly be offset against ANY 'reduction in annual household consumption'.

Unless we fundamentally change tack now, we will not be able to sustain our basis of existence.

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?

support of renewable energies

reduction of livestock

support of organic cultivation of the land (the true agri-culture) which will sequester carbon dioxide in the soil, improve the soil, improve the quality of New Zealand made produce and generate food of much higher quality, that is created with less energy-consuming machinery

improving public transport as opposed to building more roads, thus reducing concreting of arable land that can

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sequester carbon
more forests, reserves, national parks

Summary

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

support research for future technologies without postponing any possible action NOW

Other comments

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

New Zealand should lead the way in this, be proactive, be bold, revive the "100% pure" image and truly be that!