

# 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](http://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 - In themselves, these objectives sound not unreasonable, but invariably are used as an excuse not to do anything. The overriding objective should be to reduce emissions. That is missing from the list.

**1b. What is most important to you?**

That we recognise the threat the climate change poses and act to reduce emissions.

### 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?**

Shouldn't make any difference – we have a choice as to what sort of economy we have. We should have ambitious targets and act upon them

## 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?**

Won't necessarily involve costs – more efficient use of energy should reduce costs for example.

The cost figures in the discussion document ignore the potential costs 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?**

## Summary

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

Can't and shouldn't rely on future technological breakthroughs.

## Other comments

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

NZ has delayed its efforts to reduce emissions for too long. Emissions are not going down as per previous targets.

Current emphasis on big roading projects is taking NZ in the wrong direction – will only lead to increases in transport emissions. Need to reverse the relative expenditure of roading to public transport/rail projects.

Need more incentives to alternative energy supplies (solar, small scale wind) – currently the overriding profit motives of energy companies/SOEs provides very little incentive to consider these alternatives.

NZ should be a leader rather than a follower or handbrake on reducing emissions.

## When your submission is complete

Email your completed submission to [climate.contribution@mfe.govt.nz](mailto: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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