

# 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?

It must guide New Zealand over the long term in the global transition to a low emissions world.

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?

At least 10% below 1990, ideally 20%. An annual cost of \$30 a year more to get from the current 5% to 10% would barely be noticed by households and families - and NZ needs to get a move on if we want to reach the Government's goal of 50% below 1990 by 2050.

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?

\$1300 - \$1400. As the generations who are benefiting and have benefited from greenhouse gas emissions, it is only fair that we shoulder much of the burden of transforming to a low-carbon economy rather than future generations who will bear much of the burden of the environmental consequences, even if the 2 degree goal is met.

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?

Fuel and energy efficiency can reduce costs to businesses and households, and a transition to a low-carbon economy leading to greater energy security and limiting our vulnerability to oil price volatility, supply disruptions and potentially high future carbon prices are the most important for New Zealanders, in my view.

## Summary

5. How should New Zealand take into account the future uncertainties of technologies and costs when setting its target? It should not anticipate that there will be any miracle cures.

Other comments

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

Putting strong policies in place to curb transport emissions - as there are viable alternatives and these emissions are growing. I believe the government should lead the way by setting a date on owning a fleet of all electric vehicles, and policy settings or initiatives like duties and taxes that make importing electric and hybrid cars more attractive financially than fossil fuel varieties for the second-hand market should be introduced. Then these initiatives need to be widely promoted - electric vehicles' exemption from road user charges is news to me.