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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, I do agree with these objectives.

1b. What is most important to you?

That New Zealand makes an appropriate and affordable contribution to reducing global emissions and that as far as possible, the burden does not fall too heavily and unfairly upon hard-working producers but that the burden is shared by every citizen. (a carbon tax?)

What would be a fair contribution for New Zealand?

What we can afford and still look after our country, including animals and the environment.

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 there needs to be "collective buy in " by the population with "carrot and stick incentives" to increase the consciousness of what needs to be achieved. A " laissez faire attitude" still predominates in many sections of our communities. Every citizen should have an understanding of the costs and benefits of a collective national effort to help the global challenge. We have all been too selfish for too long. An awareness campaign is

needed.

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?**

I'm not sure how to answer this.... 2% of the average wage?

- 3. 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?**

Energy use..more re-newables, smaller houses, forestry, and farming. I think New Zealand should plant considerably more trees and move towards more organic dairy farming where there are fewer cows for an equivalent income to reduce methane emissions. This is better for the animals, the soil and the environment generally. Dairy farmers should be encouraged and assisted to do this in a managed way that takes account of existing markets, global over-supply of dairy products and developing new markets for organic dairy products.

Summary

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

Plan for the worst scenarios including dealing with unwanted migration.

Other comments

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

1. Makes Economics a compulsory subject and begin it at primary school. Young people need to be aware as soon as possible of the true costs of consumption and production which include environmental costs. They will help explain their concerns to their families.

2. Please encourage discussion with young people. Civics as a subject needs to be re-introduced, particularly at secondary school. The self-gratification generations need the opportunities to reflect upon the environmental costs of the "big house, car and boat" aspirations. These "desirables" prices need to reflect a real environment-impact-price within their cost structure. I don't know how a carbon tax would work but I think we need one.

