

# 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? Number 3., relating to taking a longterm approach.

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?

As this is an international issue, we need to take enough action to ensure that there IS an economy by the end of the century. I would support an increase in our target to 10% or 20% below 1990 levels by 2030.

How will our contribution affect New Zealanders?

3. What level of cost is appropriate for New Zealand to reduce it's greenhouse gas emissions? For example, what would be a reasonable reduction in annual household consumption?

If a 5% reduction means an estimated decrease in household income by \$1270, whereas the decrease created by 10% is only \$30 more, and the decrease resulting from 20% is only \$130 more, then a decrease of 10-20% seems warranted.

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?

It's hard to know the directions or efficacy of future research, but progress on all fronts seems desirable. That is, development of biofuels and electric vehicles, extension of public transport and cycleways, and any research into reducing the impact of climate change resulting from farming. Research at universities and other institutions is very much underfunded in New Zealand. I would also support a moratorium on fossil fuel exploration.

## Summary

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

This is very much a cross-party issue, so setting up a Climate Commission with cross-party representation is desirable. The political landscape of the next decades is hard to

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foresee. Such a Commission should also include experts with relevant scientific expertise.

Other comments

6. Is there any further information you wish the Government to consider? Please explain. It's important to keep at the forefront of our awareness that this is a global problem. Although a consultation document of this kind necessarily focuses on the implications of climate change for New Zealand, this is an arena where nations and their economies are interdependent.