

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? No

1b. What is most important to you?

The most important objective must be setting a target (across all nations) that will keep global warming below 2 degrees. All of the other political challenges are secondary to that.

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?

It influences how we achieve the targets, not what the target should be. This is an opportunity for NZ to develop new economic drivers and position itself as a global leader - the nature of our emissions is very helpful for this

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?

Whatever it takes. By not taking action now simply creates makes the problem (and economic burden) much greater for future generations. Reducing household consumption should be encouraged. I also challenge the concept that it will come as a "cost". Environmental and social well being will be improved through lower consumption and it also provides an opportunity for new industries to develop.

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? There is no reason why we can't do all of them and more.

Summary

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

Again, avoiding disastrous levels of climate change must be the priority in setting the target. All of these uncertainties are just challenges to be overcome on our way to achieving the target. The uncertainties should not be treated as excuses for weaker targets.

Other comments

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