

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?

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?

I think New Zealand should call for a global zero carbon target. There is no reason why we can't use 100% renewable energy, especially if the RMA was amended to remove the requirement of not considering the effects of climate change when deciding consents for new non-renewable energy sources.

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?

I think huge structural changes need to be made. New Zealand needs to make broad changes.

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? All are important.

Summary

5. How should New Zealand take into account the future uncertainties of technologies and costs when setting its target? We can't trust that technology will save us. We need to take action now.

Other comments

6. Is there any further information you wish the Government to consider? Please explain.
Make a huge commitment. New Zealand needs to live up to its clean green reputation and make a better planet. The costs of dealing with the increased risks of climate change (increased sea levels and storm surges, etc) will be higher than taking preemptive action to reduce carbon emissions and thus hazards now.