

Setting New Zealand's post-2020 climate change target

Submission form

The Government is seeking views on New Zealand's post-2020 climate change contribution under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

You can have your say by making a submission using this form or using the online tool available at www.mfe.govt.nz/more/consultations.

For more information about this consultation:

- Read our [Consultation on New Zealand's post-2020 international climate change contribution web page](#)
- Read our discussion document: [New Zealand's Climate Change Target: Our contribution to the new international climate change agreement](#)

Submissions close at 5.00pm on Wednesday 3 June 2015.

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Questions to guide your feedback

Your submission may address any aspect of the discussion document, but we would appreciate you paying particular attention to the questions posed throughout and listed in this form. You may answer some or all of the questions. To ensure your point of view is clearly understood, you should explain your rationale and provide supporting evidence where appropriate.

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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 – on the whole. May need to toughen up the second objective.
- No

1b. What is most important to you?

Objectives 1 and 3

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 disagree with your statement on page 10 “Given that around 65% of New Zealand’s emissions come from transport and agriculture – reducing our total emissions is a significant challenge.”

Transport Emissions -Your target should expect a significant reduction in transport emissions. There’s a lot of pleasure orientated, non essential transport happening in NZ at the moment. If we did more walking, biking, using public transport, producing food locally and holidaying in NZ (rather than overseas) we would reduce our emissions.

Economy Emissions – It is good that we are a food producing nation. We could try experimenting with growing foods that are nutritious but produce less emissions e.g. diversify into horticulture – beans.

We may need to reduce our dependence on tourism and wine industry as I expect they have high emissions.

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?**

We (NZ) need to reduce our emissions by whatever is required to do our share in keeping emissions below 2 degree threshold.

- 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?**

In order of importance –

- 3 “A transtion to a low-carbon
- 4 “Reducing greenhouse gas emissions and....”
- 5 “Remaining aligned with the global transition...”
- 1 “Fuel and energy efficiency ...”
- 2 “Our high level of renewable”

Summary

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

New Zealand needs to set a target without taking uncertainties into account. We need to set a target using reliable data. Uncertainties may ease our transition at a later date.

Other comments

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

Many New Zealander's don't seem to be aware of their carbon emissions. We need a big mind shift to make us more aware of our emissions and our impact on climate.

When your submission is complete

Email your completed submission to climate.contribution@mfe.govt.nz or post to Climate Change Contribution Consultation, Ministry for the Environment, PO Box 10362, Wellington 6143.

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