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?
Needs to be stronger - fair and ambitious ok but NZ can be a leader too.
Costs and impacts implies that response is a negative not a positive/opportunity or that taking action saves other costs and impacts (of huge substance).
Absolutely needs to guide NZ long term in a speedy transition to low emissions world.

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?
To be fair means to carry our own and go beyond as a leader and a privileged society.

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?
I don't believe a cost is necessary - there are different ways to make this happen - this also ignores the reality that a lack of intense action will cost us in many many ways, not least increased storm/weather impacts on coastal infrastructure.

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?
Investment in public transport and rail is essential, providing infrastructure for electric vehicles priority, retiring coal, fracking and deep sea oil and further investment in wind is necessary. Further investment in pest control in native forests. Resolving the growth in dairy over forestry important too.

Summary

5. How should New Zealand take into account the future uncertainties of technologies and costs when setting its target?
It's not an uncertainty - we are sure to have growing and changing technologies and costs so we have to take actions regardless.
6. Is there any further information you wish the Government to consider? Please explain. The strongest highest target we can set as part of an integrated plan to transition away from fossil fuels is essential. We just can't go over 2 degrees so have to do more than our bit.