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?
That New Zealand takes a leadership position globally on reducing its impact to the planet (in the context of climate change).

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?
We have to be prepared to make a notable sacrifice - as individual citizens and as a country.

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?
A sustained increased cost of 1% to each household is perfectly reasonable. However, I don't believe it is necessary (e.g. legislative change to facilitate putting privately generated power in the grid at spot prices)

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?
This is a matter largely in the hand of our government. Of most importance and impact is reducing the greenhouse emissions from our animal food production, particularly dairy and meat production.

Summary

5. How should New Zealand take into account the future uncertainties of technologies and costs when setting its target?
It shouldn't. It should set ambitious goals, then decide how to achieve them. That's how every successful business does things (I am an on the Board of four of them) - why can't a nation?

Other comments

6. Is there any further information you wish the Government to consider? Please explain.
Yes - we need to be transparent about the role animal food production has in this. Transport CO2 emissions are irrelevant in the context of the number of dairy and beef cows we have speeding up climate change. This needs to be part of the dialogue, even if it spooks the NZD and terrifies the dairy industry.