



CLIMATE CHANGE – GETTING IT RIGHT!

The challenge of Climate Change is testing governments around the world. The NZ Government is working actively to secure an effective global agreement on climate change to succeed the Kyoto Protocol. As part of international agreements NZ needs to commit to a greenhouse gas emissions target for 2020.

This decision has significant impacts on NZ households and businesses. But as a country whose clean, green, environmentally aware brand underpins our two major industries – a global trade in agricultural products and international tourism – we need to be seen to be making progress to reduce emissions



'We need an ambitious but achievable goal for 2020 that balances the environmental risks of climate change with the economic impacts on NZ of reducing emissions.'

Hon. Dr Nick Smith – Minister of Climate Change Issues

NZ has a unique emissions profile relative to other developed countries. Higher than normal proportions of NZ emissions are methane and nitrous oxide from agriculture. We also have lower than normal carbon dioxide emissions because of hydro generated electricity. Forestry also has a significant impact on our greenhouse gasses emissions.

NZ gross emissions have increased significantly since 1990 – mostly due to energy generation (91%), transport (70%) and agriculture (12%). Net emissions rose sharply in 2005 due to increased rates of deforestation.

Global progress on climate change depends on successful UN negotiations. NZ is intending to table its policy on a 2020 target at the Bonn negotiations in August as a stepping stone to final decisions at the Copenhagen conference in December.



'We are working hard in international negotiations to achieve a post-2012 pact where NZ does its fair share as a developed country in addressing this global problem.'

Hon. Tim Groser, Ass Minister Climate Change Issues
(International Negotiations)

Setting a 2020 Target

Scientific, economic, environmental and foreign affairs advice needs to be considered in setting NZ's 2020 emissions target. The views of the public and businesses are also important to the government.

You can have your say by:

- Attending one of the meetings being held around the country (below)
- Emailing or writing to the Minister with your views to n.smith@ministers.govt.nz
- participating with the Minister for Climate Change Issues in a panel discussion to be shown live online from 7.30pm on Monday 20 July at www.r2.co.nz/20090720

The world needs to manage climate change well. It is a complex and challenging issue, and probably the hardest thing any government has to tackle. We need to work together to get it right.

Come to a meeting for an update on the latest information on NZ's commitments, international trends and attitudes and possible global options. It would be great to see you.

Regards,



PUBLIC MEETINGS

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| Auckland | 7 July 7.30–9pm | Princes Ballroom, B and C, Hotel Hyatt Central Auckland |
| Christchurch | 8 July 7.30–9pm | Christchurch Convention Centre, Hall C, Kilmore St, Christchurch |
| Dunedin | 9 July 7.30–9pm | Dunedin Centre, Clifford Skeggs Gallery 1, Harrop Street, |
| Queenstown | 10 July 7.30–9pm | Icon Room, Heritage Hotel 91 Fernhill Drive, Queenstown |
| Hamilton | 13 July 7.30–9pm | Waikato Room, SkyCity Hamilton 346 Victoria Street, Hamilton |
| New Plymouth | 14 July 7.30–9pm | Conference Room, Plymouth International Corner, Courtenay & Leach Streets, New Plymouth |
| Napier | 15 July 7.30–9pm | Ocean Suite, East Pier Hardinge Road, Ahuriri, Napier |
| Nelson | 17 July 7.30–9pm | Waimea Room, Rutherford Hotel Trafalgar Square, Nelson |