

REACH Public Consultation on Singapore's Climate Ambition

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1 Singapore has stated that we intend to achieve net zero emissions by or around mid-century. Reaching net zero emissions by 2050 is:

- (a) Just right
- (b) Too ambitious
- (c) Not sufficiently ambitious

Answer: (c) Not sufficiently ambitious

1.1 [If answered (b) or (c) above] What is a suitable year to reach net zero?

- (a) Not Sure
- (b) 2030-2039
- (c) 2040-2049
- (d) 2050-2059
- (e) 2060-2069
- (f) Beyond 2070

Answer: 2030-2039

1.2 Please feel free to provide your thoughts on what makes a suitable net zero year.

We should set the year of net zero as: "as soon as possible and at least by 2050".

2 Should we enhance Singapore's 2030 NDC which currently pledges to peak emissions at 65 MtCO_{2e} around 2030?

- (a) Yes
- (b) No
- (c) Neutral/ Maybe/ Not sure

Answer: Neutral/Maybe/Not Sure

3 What should our 2030 NDC ambition be and why? (Refer to Paras 3 - 4 of Consultation Document)

The Stern Report looking into the economic costs of climate change identified that \$1 spent on mitigation would save \$4 cost on adaptation. On a simply economic argument basis we should move as fast as we can.

4 What can the Government do to support Singapore's transition to a low carbon future?

There needs to be a lot of behavioural change. The experts say; make it as easy as possible, incentivise it, and then reinforce it. Singapore is good at doing that. Look at the 100+ things in the Project Drawdown and incentivise those.

5 What can businesses and industries do to support Singapore's transition to a low carbon future?

Formally adopt a System Value approach to business and discard the shareholder value focus - in a hothouse world monetary wealth will have little or no value.

6 What can individuals and communities do to support Singapore's transition to a low carbon future?

Adopt a plant-based diet or at least as much of one as possible. Support government initiatives to implement Project Drawdown based actions.

7 While there may be trade-offs or inconveniences, I am willing to contribute / play my part in helping Singapore realise its net zero ambition.

- (a) Strongly Agree
- (b) Neutral
- (c) Agree
- (d) Strongly Disagree
- (e) Disagree

Answer: Strongly Agree

8 Do you have any other thoughts on Singapore's climate ambition that you wish to share?

Singapore has correctly linked resilience and sustainability. The next step is to realise that climate change mitigation is a survival strategy, a must have - its no longer an option, its an imperative. And without scaring everybody the whole population needs to know this.