

# 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: 2040-2049**

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

Reaching net zero by 2050 should be the latest date and minimum target. Singapore has an opportunity to take the lead and push for earlier net zero emissions by 2040. This will help limit the rise in average global temperatures to 1.5 °C in line with IPCC targets.

**2 Should we enhance Singapore's 2030 NDC which currently pledges to peak emissions at 65 MtCO<sub>2e</sub> around 2030?**

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

**Answer: Yes**

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

YES, Singapore's 2030 NDC should be enhanced to peak emissions earlier by 2025 and thereafter halve emissions by 2030. Raising these interim targets are a necessary step to reaching net zero by 2050 and meeting Paris Agreement pledges.

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

The transition to a low carbon economy and raising the carbon tax will disproportionately impact vulnerable groups (e.g. low income households, workers in sunset industries). The government must ensure a just transition and increase support- subsidies, job up skilling- for vulnerable groups.

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

- 1) Industry (petrochemicals, maritime, aviation)- decarbonisation and set net zero targets with the support of government policies
- 2) Finance- divestment from fossil fuels and greater investment in renewables, sustainable finance portfolios, reach net zero by 2050

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

Encourage and reduce carbon footprint in their households and communities; engage with youth and environmental groups working on sustainable initiatives.

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**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?**

Raising Singapore's climate ambition requires the participation of multi-stakeholders. The government can ensure more meaningful public participation by first making its policies more transparent and sharing data (emissions by sector, renewable energy targets in the energy mix). Encourage co-creation in climate policies and energy plans by working with youth and citizen work groups.