

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: -

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

2040

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: Yes

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

Please refer to SG climate rally and Lepak in SG's recommendations.

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

Renewable energy may not be as green as it sounds, though it is less pollutive than fossil fuels.

This is because extracting cobalt and other minerals for manufacturing electric vehicles etc through mining in Congo etc and proposed deep-sea mining has serious environmental and human rights concerns.

In comparison, conserving and restoring forests and mangroves is a more cost-effective and less resource-intensive nature-based solution for reducing greenhouse gas emissions (as well as protecting biodiversity and boosting public health and well-being).

That means putting an indefinite moratorium to deforestation, instead of just replanting trees while continuing to sacrifice secondary rainforests.

At the end of the day, our priorities should be focused on life and death issues (aka existential crisis of climate change fuelled by unrelenting deforestation and urbanisation) rather than comfort and convenience (aka insatiable demand for housing for upgrading and investment, excessive consumption lifestyles, etc).

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

Pay carbon tax et al for deforestation to compensate for lower income residents affected by loss of ecosystem services in Singapore.

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

Consume less. Cycle, walk, take public transport. Don't use property at the expense of our forests and mental health just for investment to make quick profits. Learn to be contented in life and do no harm to oneself and others.

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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: Agree

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

Replace "grow at all costs" economic model with degrowth or donut economic model or equivalent for better sustainability for all. See attached link for details. <https://facebook.com/groups/singaporeforests/permalink/808139380198571/>