



What are the opportunities to reduce emissions and build carbon stores in agriculture and the land? What are the main barriers to action?

There are many opportunities but the barriers are access to reliable data (particularly on long-term impacts to emissions and the various aspects of farm management) and confusion about where to find information, who to trust. Information overwhelm.

How can we progress emission reduction efforts whilst also building resilience and adapting to climate change?

It is important for government to work closely with agencies who are already on the ground and in contact with farmers to deliver accurate, trustworthy and clear information on a local scale to rural communities.

How can the Australian Government bring together existing effort and new initiatives into one coordinated plan?

By developing a trusted source of information and working to upskill those already on the ground to deliver a consistent message to producers.

What are the practical solutions to increase uptake?

Consistent, evidence-based messaging.

How do you see the agriculture and land sectors contributing over the medium and longer-term? What are the opportunities to deliver emission reductions in parallel with wider goals?

Emissions reduction can feed into a wider increase in sustainable farming and biodiversity protection. Rather than multiple separate focusses and messages, farmers want to know where to get reliable information.

How can the Australian Government better support agriculture and land sectors to:

a) drive innovation

b) build capacity

c) ensure the system enables emissions reductions

Work with local Landcare Networks and other organisations that already deliver workshops and extension to farmers in this space, providing funding and training so that there is consistent messaging. Ensure that farmer communications are simple and easy to learn, given that producers are generally time-poor. We need to make it easy to access information and make changes. The current confusion and overload of information is not conducive to on-farm decision-making.

What new initiatives could the Australian Government design that would support emissions reduction and carbon storage in agriculture and land and help ensure a productive, profitable, resilient and sustainable future for the sectors?

New extension programs providing the latest information on an ongoing basis.

A consistent and trusted approach for assessing and reporting emissions is often raised as a barrier to reducing emissions. Is there a role for the Australian Government in addressing this concern, and how can producers and land managers be supported?

There is a role of Government, particularly in providing funding and overall systems to ensure reliable information reaches producers.

What skills, knowledge and capabilities do you think producers and land managers need to implement change? What information and data would help them make decisions about emissions reductions and sustainable land management in the short and longer-term?

ROI Investment required Lifespan of investment Predicted returns Predicted co-benefits for production, animal health, conservation, etc Risks and negative impacts Change management Focus groups - farmers like to see other farmers doing things first.

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