



Which of the following best describes your situation?

Industry representative

Are you responding on behalf of an organisation or industry body?

Yes

Who are you responding on behalf of?

[Redacted]

How would you like to respond?

a. Answer discussion paper questions via the online survey

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

Address lack of government policy on pesticide use reduction and industry capture of APVMA.

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

Must be something we can do, surely. Here is an idea, why not reduce the amount and the toxicity of pesticides used in agriculture to protect our biodiversity and health?

Are there initiatives or innovative programs underway that could be applied or expanded on at a national scale?

UN Cop 15 Targets, UN Global Framework on Chemicals, UN Charter of Human Rights

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

Implement policies, frameworks, and targeted planning.

What are the most important options to be further adopted or supported, looking in the short and the longer-term?

There is currently no commitment to reduce pesticide emissions or toxicity load to environment, indeed, the opposite is indicated in the discussion document.

What are the practical solutions to increase uptake?

A practical solution would be to state a policy position of pesticide use in agriculture. The ABARE report you cite argues for increased pesticide use to meet agriculture growth targets, but if that is the policy, it does not align with the protection of environment and health.

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?

As above, have a policy on pesticide emissions instead of pretending they do not exist.

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

a) build innovation

b) build capacity

c) ensure the system enables emissions reductions

Institute a policy position on pesticide use in agriculture that enhances biodiversity and health values.

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?

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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?

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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?

Pesticide use data would be a good place to start. Presently there is none reported other than aggregated sales data at national level for herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, etc. with no granular reference to active substance or degree of toxicity to environment.

Is your response confidential?

No

Do you agree to your response being published on our website?

Yes

Please de-identify my response

Yes

I have read and understood the privacy notice and consent to the collection, use and disclosure of my personal information as outlined in the privacy notice.

Yes

Confirm that you have read and understand this declaration.

Yes
