



Which of the following best describes your situation?

Farmer/producer

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

No

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?

Improved planting of tree lines and management of mature trees Improved pasture management Improved soil management Reduction of feedlots Barriers are costs - many farmers need to invest heavily in increasing input and transport costs. Ongoing impacts of natural disasters such as fire, flood and drought are expensive and most farms have ongoing focus on repairs and rebuilding existing infrastructure without being able to advance other management and mitigation plans

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

Surveying farm owners to better understand the existing carbon offsets available e.g 4000 merino sheep - 750 mature trees - 2000 acres of pasture and herbages = ? Carbon. Incentives to reduce emissions instead of punishment for not. Eg % on top of sales of grain from carbon balanced farms

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

Tree planting programs and regenerative soil programs - limited usually to members of active Landcare groups in targeted areas, create universal programs with incentives

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

Couldn't the government audit where all the funding for such programs has gone in the last decade to understand what has been run and the level of uptake? Local Land Services and Landcare groups would be a rich source of this information

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

Stop allowing renewable energy projects to destroy mature trees and kill fauna with the use of biodiversity credits. The projects are also destroying existing pasture and ground cover which assist in carbon conversion, there is no way for this to be replaced as these areas are now covered in turbines or solar panels. Farmers reducing feedlots so that only carbon sustainable animal numbers are produced, such keeping within the recommended DSE for any given property and incentives for the planning and implementation of permanent pasture paddocks and pasture rotations

What are the practical solutions to increase uptake?

Incentives such as rebates on seed, % on top of sales for carbon neutral animals, grains and fibre. Rebates on soil testing, significant rebates for purchase on machinery with GPS and AdBlue to assist in reduced emissions

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?

I believe that the sector is more carbon neutral than what is being considered. As a farm owner, I have never been surveyed on my carbon reduction practices. Education for all farmers will be a start to help farmers understand the easy changes they can make and plan for bigger changes in the future. It's frustrating as a farmer that already considers carbon emissions in my practices to feel critiqued by people that have no idea about what I already do

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

Stop telling us all the things we are doing wrong, tell us what is right and we can try to build on that. Innovation=\$\$\$, when we have come off years of drought and now record low stock prices, how can we afford the innovations that are currently available and priced into a commercial market? To build capacity we need to build

knowledge and understanding, instead of market manipulation and fear tactics like what's currently being used
Again, do more surveys on the carbon reducing assets on farms, what is already there?

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?

Again, have farms complete carbon audits, this could be a paid role where someone goes to farms, for no cost to the farmer, and helps them audit their practices and develop plans to manage the carbon emissions and reductions

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?

Through the NFF , there could be a framework developed for different sectors that creates the roles I mentioned before that could be funded, take the headwork out of it for farmers

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?

Understanding their current emissions within their operations. Only then can individual innovation be achieved. Farmers could then set goals and add these to existing business plans

Do you have any additional views or feedback that you would like to include in your response?

ABC approach, look at the resources available, build capacity, support implementation and incentivise positive practices, like the government is currently doing to renewable energy companies, but instead help the landowners those guys are destroying

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Confirm that you have read and understand this declaration.

Yes
