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Australian
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Agriculture, Greenhouse & Emissions Trading Summit

21–22 April 2008

Novotel Twin Waters Resort, Sunshine Coast

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Preliminary Program

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Day 1

Monday, 21 April 2008

- 9.30 am Registration and Coffee
- 10.00 am Introduction – The Challenge of ETS for Agriculture
Mick Keogh, Executive Director, Australian Farm Institute
- 10.10 am An Australian Emissions Trading Scheme
Blair Comley, Deputy-Secretary, Australian Government Department of Climate Change
- 10.30 am Economic Implications of the ETS
Dr Brian Fisher, Vice-President, CRA International
- 10.50 am Panel Session – Questions and Discussion
- 11.10 am Morning Tea
- 11.30 am **Workshop Session 1:** The Pros and Cons of Agriculture's Engagement with an ETS
- 1.00 pm Lunch
- 2.00 pm The Canadian Approach
Cher Brouther, Senior Research Associate, George Main Centre
- 2.20 pm The New Zealand Approach
Charlie Pederson, President, Federated Farmers' of New Zealand
- 2.40 pm Panel Session – Questions and Discussion
- 3.00 pm Afternoon Tea
- 3.30 pm International Realities – Bali, Developing Nations and Emissions Policies
David Crombie, President, National Farmers' Federation
- 4.00 pm **Workshop Session 2:** Policy Responses to Avoid International Leakage
- 5.30 pm Close – Day 1
- 7.00 pm Summit Dinner

Day 2

Tuesday, 22 April

- 8.30 am Agriculture's Greenhouse Research Needs
Dr Michael Robinson, Executive Director, Land & Water Australia
- 8.50 am Measurement Issues and Mitigation Options – Landuse
Beverley Henry, Meat & Livestock Australia
- 9.00 am Measurement Issues and Mitigation Options – Livestock and Fertilisers
Dr Richard Eckard, Melbourne University
- 9.20 am Panel Session – Questions and Discussion
- 9.40 am **Workshop Session 3:** What are Agriculture's Science and Research Needs?
- 10.30 am Morning Tea
- 12 noon Observations on Economic Implications for Agriculture
Dr Tingsong Jiang, Senior Economist, CIE
- 12.30 pm Lunch
- 1.30 pm Industry Panel Discussion
- 2.30 pm **Workshop Session 4:** What Does Agriculture Need to Happen Now?
- 3.30 pm Plenary Discussion – Communiqué
- 4.30 pm Summit Close



Agriculture, Greenhouse & Emissions Trading Summit

Greenhouse emissions trading is coming – How should Australian agriculture respond?

The Australian Government has committed to a national emissions trading scheme (ETS) by 2010. The role agriculture will play in the scheme is yet to be determined.

How can the agriculture sector harness the opportunities and avoid the threats presented by an ETS? Should farm businesses work to be included as direct participants in a national ETS? Or should they remain non-participants?

These questions and more will be addressed at the Agriculture & Emissions Trading Summit being held by the Australian Farm Institute on the 21 and 22 April 2008.

Bringing together representatives from the entire agriculture sector, the Summit will provide a comprehensive, industry-wide analysis of the implications of the ETS for the sector.

Confirmed speakers include:

- **Dr Brian Fisher**, Vice President of international consulting firm CRA International, and previously Executive Director of ABARE. Dr Fisher has extensive experience in climate change policy research and international negotiations.
- **David Crombie**, President of the National Farmers' Federation. Mr Crombie attended the recent United Nations Climate Change Conference in Bali. He also has a long history of involvement in Australian agribusiness.
- **Charlie Pederson**, livestock farmer from New Zealand, and President of New Zealand's peak farm organisation, the Federated Farmers' of New Zealand. In that role, he is closely engaged in negotiating how New Zealand agriculture will engage with emissions trading

- **Cher Brethour**, Canadian agricultural economist who has worked for the Ontario Government and as a researcher at Guelph University. She has extensively researched the implications of climate change policies for Canadian agriculture.
- **Dr Richard Eckard**, Melbourne University Researcher. Dr Eckard has carried out numerous research projects examining methane and nitrous oxide emissions from livestock and fertilisers. He is also involved in a range of Australian and state government programs researching greenhouse emission issues in agriculture.
- **Beverley Henry** has extensive experience in research into landuse change and related greenhouse emissions. She has recently taken a role with Meat and Livestock Australia to work on greenhouse emissions issues in the red-meat sectors.
- **Blair Comley**, Deputy Secretary of the Australian Government Department of Climate Change, and heavily involved in the design and implementation of the Australian ETS, due to commence in 2010.
- **Dr Michael Robinson**, Executive Director of Land and Water Australia and was previously CEO of the Greenhouse Accounting CRC. He is heavily involved in the development of climate change-related research programs for agriculture.
- **Dr Tingsong Jiang**, senior economist with the Centre for International Economics, based in Canberra. He has extensive economic modelling and environmental policy expertise. He is currently involved in researching the economic implications of the ETS for Australian agriculture.

The Agriculture, Greenhouse & Emissions Trading Summit will provide delegates with an opportunity to discuss this issue with leaders of Australian agriculture. Numbers are strictly limited, so in order to avoid disappointment, **REGISTER NOW**.

Getting There:

Novotel Twin Waters Resort is located near Maroochydore on the Sunshine Coast. The resort is approximately 2 km from Maroochydore Airport and approximately 70 km from Brisbane Airport. The Australian Farm Institute will be able to assist with transfers for those arriving via Brisbane Airport. Further details will be provided for delegates attending the Summit.





Agriculture, Greenhouse & Emissions Trading Summit Registration Form

NOTE: Each delegate attending the Full Summit is required to complete a separate Registration Form

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- Full Summit Registration \$1,300.00 per delegate (+ GST)**
The Full Summit Registration Fee includes the Summit Dinner, Summit attendance, accommodation (single occupancy – Monday 21 April), meals and full use of venue leisure facilities. Room upgrades maybe available at participants expense.
- Platinum/Gold Australian Farm Institute Corporate Members Full Summit Registration \$1,040.00 (+ GST)**
Registration Fee includes all of the above.
- Silver Australian Farm Institute Corporate Members Full Summit Registration \$1,170.00 (+ GST)**
Registration Fee includes all of the above.
- Additional Accommodation:**
The Registration Fee only includes accommodation on the night of the Summit (Monday, 21 April), *however*, accommodation for the night previous (Sunday, 20 April) and/or the night following (Tuesday, 22 April) can be organised for you by the Institute. The cost of additional nights of accommodation is not included in the Summit registration fee and must be paid separately by participants when settling their account at the Resort. Please specify additional accommodation (if any) which you require:
 - Sunday, 20 April
 - Tuesday, 22 April

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