



Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee

Minute of Decision

McGuinness Institute title:
[ENV-22-MIN-0054] Emissions
Reduction Plan Agriculture
Chapter: Progress update

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Emissions Reduction Plan Agriculture Chapter: Progress Update

Portfolios Finance / Agriculture / State Owned Enterprises

On 23 November 2022, the Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee:

The Centre for Climate Action on Agricultural Emissions

- 1 **noted** that in March 2022, Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV) invited the Minister of Agriculture to report back with advice on the establishment of the Centre for Climate Action on Agricultural Emissions [DEV-22-MIN-0059];
- 2 **noted** that the Centre for Climate Action on Agricultural Emissions is a key action under the Emissions Reduction Plan to achieve New Zealand's climate change goals;
- 3 **noted** that establishment of the Centre for Climate Action on Agricultural Emissions, including negotiations with industry on a joint venture (the joint venture), is progressing well;
- 4 **noted** that the indicative commitment from current joint venture partners would see \$172 million invested by partners over the first four years of the joint venture's operation;
- 5 **noted** that having the joint venture established by the end of 2022 will help build early momentum towards meeting New Zealand's greenhouse gas emissions targets and demonstrate visible progress;
- 6 **noted** that the Crown will be responsible for appointing half of the directors of the joint venture, though all shareholders are expected to work together to identify candidates for the board and independent chair;
- 7 **noted** that the Minister of Agriculture will be seeking prompt appointment of the Crown-appointees to the Board of the joint venture to support early action to get the joint venture operational and to match the ambition of New Zealand's industry partners;
- 8 **noted** that the joint venture will be launched in November at Fieldays 2022 at Mystery Creek, as part of wider Centre for Climate Action on Agricultural Emissions announcements;

- 9 **noted** that the Minister of Agriculture will be receiving further advice on the design of the Centre for Climate Action on Agricultural Emissions as a whole, including in relation to how best to ensure that there is strategic oversight and coordination of mitigation development efforts, both within and beyond the Centre;

Investigation into an Early Adopters Fund

- 10 **noted** in March 2022, DEV invited the Minister of Agriculture to report back on investigations related to an Early Adopters Fund to incentivise the adoption of available mitigation technologies [DEV-22-MIN-0059];

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- 13 **noted** that the Minister of Climate Change will be kept informed of further progress on the Centre for Climate Action on Agricultural Emissions and related considerations of early adoption support as appropriate;

Investigation into support for Pāmu to reduce its emissions

- 14 **noted** in March 2022, DEV invited the Minister of Agriculture to report back on how the government could support Pāmu to reduce gross emissions further [DEV-22-MIN-0059];
- 15 **noted** that Pāmu's Board has agreed to investigate a short list of emission reduction initiatives that could have spill over benefits for the wider sector, and that once sufficiently developed these may be eligible to be considered for co-funding support from existing contestable funds, such as Sustainable Food and Fibre Futures;
- 16 **invited** shareholding Ministers and the Minister of Agriculture to report back to DEV in the first half of 2023 on the progress of Pāmu's emissions funding applications.

Rebecca Davies
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon Kelvin Davis
Hon David Parker (Chair)
Hon Damien O'Connor
Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall
Hon Phil Twyford
Rino Tirikatene, MP

Officials present from:

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Officials Committee for ENV