

SECTION D:

CONSULTATION AND SUBMISSIONS

HAVING YOUR SAY

There are two ways you can give the Government feedback on the policy options discussed in the *Sustainable Land Management and Climate Change: Options for a Plan of Action* consultation.

1. By participating in consultation meetings and hui around the country in February and March 2007.
2. By written feedback, either online or using the tear-out submissions section on pages 73-83 in this document.

What do we want to know?

This discussion document can be read or downloaded from the MAF consultation website, www.maf.govt.nz/climatechange. More hard copies can be obtained by contacting climatechange@maf.govt.nz or calling us on 0800 CLIMATE (254 628). As noted at the beginning of this document, the Government is seeking from submitters:

- Creative thinking towards future solutions for climate change, especially around the ideas and options discussed in *Pillar 1: Adapting to climate change* and *Pillar 3: Capitalising on new business opportunities*.
- Specific feedback on which of the detailed policy options you prefer identified under *Pillar 2: Reducing emissions and creating carbon sinks*.
- Indications of your commitment to, interest in and creative ideas for the issues and questions discussed under *Pillar 4: Working together*.

We would like to know not only which of the options presented throughout this document you prefer, but also how they might work together in a balanced package of sustainable land management initiatives as part of the proposed *Plan of Action* to be considered by Cabinet.

Some of the options presented are 'either/or' choices. Others are proposals that could be introduced together with one or more of the other proposals. Which type of option is being presented has been signalled clearly in the text.

A summary table identifying all the options being proposed for discussion and feedback under each pillar is on pages 26-27.

The Government recognises that aspects of climate change can be difficult and controversial. We want to put in place a way of working that welcomes different views and accepts that people have a right to disagree with proposals that may be made. We are looking for a durable and constructive relationship between the different groups and interests involved.

All submissions made as part of this consultation process will be considered closely before decisions on future policy are made.

Further information

Meetings

Public meetings and hui on the sustainable land management and climate change consultation will be held in February and March 2007.

Details of dates and venues were not available when this publication went to print, but will be posted on: www.maf.govt.nz/climatechange.

Alternatively, please call:

0800 CLIMATE (254 628)

or email:

climatechange@maf.govt.nz

Want to know more about climate change?

The MAF website contains information about climate change and its expected impacts on the land management sectors. Go to: www.maf.govt.nz/climatechange.

MAF climate change officials can be contacted at climatechange@maf.govt.nz.

For more information on climate change in the international context see <http://www.ipcc.ch>.

This consultation is one of a series of government consultations on climate change taking place between December 2006 and March 2007. For links to other climate change policy proposals and announcements, see www.climatechange.govt.nz.

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

Submissions on the land management and climate change consultation can be made on the tear-out submissions pages that follow or filed online at www.maf.govt.nz/climatechange.

If you have chosen to fill out the submissions pages in this publication, please tear them out along the perforations and post them in the envelope provided to:

Sustainable Land Management and Climate Change Consultation
Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
PO Box 2526
Wellington

Please note that the closing date for submissions is: 30 March 2007.

Officials will prepare a public summary of submissions received on this discussion paper. The public summary will not attribute comments to individual submitters. Please note that your comments will be subject to the Official Information Act 1982 and may need to be publicly released. If you object to the release of any material provided in your submission, please specify the material that you consider should be withheld, and the grounds for withholding. Please note that even if you do identify specific material that you consider should be withheld, we cannot guarantee that we will withhold this material. All requests under the Official Information Act need to be assessed in terms of the Act and while we will take into account your views, we are not bound by them.

SUSTAINABLE LAND MANAGEMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE FEEDBACK

The following information will help us analyse your feedback for report back to the Government and the general public:

Responding as

- An individual
- A group or organisation

If your submission is from a group or organisation, please indicate how many people your submission represents:

[number] _____

Sector/interest/type of organisation

- Agriculture Description/type: _____
- Forestry Description/type: _____
- Maori Description/type: _____
- Government Description/type: _____
- Other Description/type: _____

Contacts for further information

As part of ongoing engagement and consultation on climate change, we may seek more comment about the design or implementation of some of the policy options outlined in this document. If you are willing for us to ask you for more information about your submission or your views on implementing options, please supply your contact details below.

- Yes, I am happy to be contacted to provide more views and information

Name: _____

Company/organisation (if relevant): _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____



QUESTIONS

Please record your answers on these pages, tear out, and post to:
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Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, PO Box 2526, Wellington.

Alternatively, you can record your answers online at:
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Goals for a *Plan of Action* (pages 24-25)

1. Are there any other goals you consider should be included?

2. **Agriculture Goals**

On a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 is 'strongly disagree', and five is 'strongly agree', how do you rate your level of support for the proposed goals for agriculture in this section? *Please circle.*

1 2 3 4 5

3. **Forestry Goals**

On a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 is 'strongly disagree', and five is 'strongly agree', how do you rate your level of support for the proposed goals for forestry outlined in this section? *Please circle.*

1 2 3 4 5



4. If you wish to make any comment on the reasons for your choices, please do so.

Adaptation (pages 28-30)

5. Do you have any comments on the ideas for adaptation discussed in Pillar 1?

6. Are there any other actions you consider might be useful in helping the land management sectors adapt to climate change?

7. How important is it that the proposed *Plan of Action* includes an ongoing process to adapt to climate change? 1 = not important and 5 = very important. *Please circle.*

1 2 3 4 5



8. How strongly do you agree or disagree that the adaptation actions outlined are heading in the right direction? 1 = strongly disagree and 5 = strongly agree. *Please circle.*

1 2 3 4 5

9. If you agree, who do you think should lead the process to adapt to climate change? *Please tick one box.*

- Government
- Sectors
- Government-sector partnership

10. If you wish to make any comment on the reasons for your choice, please do so.

Business opportunities (pages 36-37)

11. Are there any other ideas you would like to put forward regarding potential business opportunities?



12. How important do you think it is that the proposed *Plan of Action* includes actions to capitalise on business opportunities? 1 = not important and 5 = very important. *Please circle.*

1 2 3 4 5

13. If you think this is important, who do you think should lead the process of identifying and developing new business opportunities? *Please tick one box.*

- Government
- Sectors
- Government-sector partnership

14. Are there any other comments you would like to make on any of the business opportunities outlined in Pillar 3, or any other ideas you want to comment on regarding potential business opportunities?

Working together (pages 38-40)

15. Do you have any comments on the proposals and ideas about the Government, local government and sectors working together on the proposed Plan of Action? Your answer could include any other ideas you might have.



16. How supportive are you of the land management sectors working together with local and central government under the proposed *Plan of Action* (where 1 = not supportive and 5 =very supportive)? *Please circle.*

1 2 3 4 5

Agricultural options

17. Are there other options for addressing agricultural greenhouse gas emissions you would like to put forward?

18. If you had to make **one** choice out of Options 5, 6, 7 and 8, which would be your first preference? *Please tick one box.*

- Option 5: Charge on nitrogen fertiliser
- Option 6: Tradeable permit regime
- Option 7: Offset schemes for emissions
- Option 8: RMA standards to control GHG emissions

19. If you had to make **one** choice out of Options 9 and 10, which would be your first preference? *Please tick one.*

- Option 9: RMA standards to control new agricultural land uses after deforestation
- Option 10: Charge where deforested land is used for agriculture

20. Please rank the agriculture options presented in terms of your preferences on a scale of 1 to 5. 1 = don't support and 5 = strongly support. *Please circle.*

Agricultural Option 1: Research (page 44)

1 2 3 4 5



Agricultural Option 2: Technology transfer (page 45)

1 2 3 4 5

Agricultural Option 3: Voluntary reporting (page 46-47)

1 2 3 4 5

Agricultural Option 4: Incentive for nitrification inhibitors (page 47-48)

1 2 3 4 5

Agricultural Option 5: Charge on nitrogen fertiliser (page 49)

1 2 3 4 5

Agricultural Option 6: Tradeable permit regime for agricultural greenhouse gas emissions (page 50-51)

1 2 3 4 5

Agricultural Option 7: Offset schemes for agricultural emissions (page 51-52)

1 2 3 4 5

Agricultural Option 8: RMA standards to control agricultural greenhouse gas emissions (page 52-53)

1 2 3 4 5

Agricultural Option 9: RMA standards to control new agricultural land uses following deforestation (page 54)

1 2 3 4 5



Agricultural Option 10: Charge where deforested land is used for agriculture (page 55)

1 2 3 4 5

21. Do you have additional comments? You may like to comment on the reasons for your choice of options or on the design detail of how the options might best be implemented.

Afforestation options

22. Are there other options for encouraging afforestation you would like to put forward?



23. Please rank the afforestation options presented in terms of your preferences. 1 = don't support at all and 5 = an option you strongly support.

Afforestation Option 1: Afforestation grants scheme (AGS) (page 58-59)

1 2 3 4 5

Afforestation Option 2: Providing growers of new Kyoto Forests with a choice between an afforestation grant scheme (AGS) or the devolution of forest sink credits and their associated liabilities (page 59-61)

1 2 3 4 5

24. If Afforestation Option 2 were implemented, which mechanism would you choose if you were establishing new forests (please tick one).

- AGS, or
- Devolved credits and associated liabilities, or
- A combination of both (ie. AGS for some areas and devolved credits and liabilities for other areas)

25. Do you have additional comments? You may like to comment on your reasons for choosing the option you did or on the design detail of how the option might best be implemented.



Deforestation options

26. Are there other options for deforestation you would like to put forward?

27. Please rank the deforestation options presented in terms of your preferences.
1 = don't support at all and 5 = you strongly support.

Deforestation Option 1: Flat charge on land use change from forestry to another use (page 63-64)

1 2 3 4 5

Deforestation Option 2: Tradeable permit regime (page 67)

1 2 3 4 5

Deforestation Option 3: Centrally determine deforestation levels (national deforestation limit) (page 66-67)

1 2 3 4 5

Deforestation Option 4: RMA controls on deforestation (page 67-68)

1 2 3 4 5



28. If it came to a choice between these options, how would you rank them in order of preference? *Please insert the number of your preference in the box below.* 1= your most preferred option and 4 = your least preferred.

- Deforestation Option 1: Flat charge on land use change from forestry to another use
- Deforestation Option 2: Tradeable permit regime
- Deforestation Option 3: Centrally determine deforestation levels
- Deforestation Option 4: RMA controls on deforestation

29. Do you have additional comments? You may like to comment on your reasons for choosing the option you did or on the design detail of how the option might best be implemented.

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