

A National Climate Change Research Strategy for Primary Industries

Australia's primary industries are developing a national research strategy to address climate change, and we would like to hear from all stakeholders.

The strategy will guide research to reduce the risks, maximise the opportunities for primary industries (agriculture, fisheries and forestry) and make the most of limited research funding.

It will cover issues related to adaptation to climate change, greenhouse gas mitigation, emissions accounting and trading, and the consequences for primary industries and rural communities.

We invite you to comment

Consultation is central to developing the research strategy. We invite comment from stakeholders on:

- What are the issues and opportunities caused by climate change for the different primary industries and regions?
- What information do they need to be able to respond to the risks and opportunities posed by climate change?
- What information and tools do primary industries need to reduce and better manage their emissions?
- What research might be needed to address these needs?
- What projects and plans have been put in place or are underway to address issues linked to climate change?
- What extension and/or communication do the primary industries need to be able to prepare for and cope with climate change?

If you and/or your organisation would like to contribute to the strategy, please register your interest at

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“An industry-driven, coordinated approach will move Australian primary industries a step ahead in their understanding of and response to climate change.”

Dr Michael Robinson, Executive Director of Land & Water Australia

The research strategy will:

- Map and build on existing research, development and extension;
- Identify key information gaps;
- Identify potential areas for collaboration; and
- Identify successful communication and adoption strategies.

Climate changes likely to affect Australia's primary industries include changes in:

- temperature
- incidence of frosts
- carbon dioxide concentrations
- rainfall patterns
- moisture availability
- rainfall intensity

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We will deliver the research strategy and recommendations to the Primary Industries Standing Committee in March 2008.

This is an opportunity to influence the research direction for climate change and primary industries. Let us know your views.

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