

Biological Emissions Evidence Reference Group meeting

Venue: Terrace Conference Centre (room Terrace 5), 114 The Terrace, Wellington

Wednesday 3 May 2017, 9:30am – 5:00pm

In attendance	
Chris Kerr – MPI (Co-Chair) Damien Farrelly – Horticulture NZ Jeska McHugh – PorkNZ (via Skype) Kara Lok – DairyNZ (Co-Chair) Kelly Forster – MfE	Lindsay Fung – DINZ (from 2pm) Milena Scott – MPI (Observer) Nick Clark – Fed Farmers Paul Goldstone – Meat Industry Assoc. Victoria Lamb – Beef+Lamb NZ

Apologies: Anna Broadhurst (MFAT), Ben Temple (Treasury), Francesca Eggleton (Fonterra), Greg Sneath (Fert. Assoc.), Jamie Kerr (MBIE), Whaimutu Dewes (CC Iwi Leaders Group)

Morning guests: Alice Ritchie (MPI), Ben Richards (MPI), Ivan Luketina (MPI)

Afternoon guests: Alice Ritchie (MPI), Madeline Hall (MPI), Myles Guy (MPI), Emily Geck (MPI), Stuart Dymond (MFAT)

9:30-9:45am	Introductions and updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action items • Update on existing projects
9:45 – 11:30am	Tranche 2 research projects (including break for morning tea) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BERG context paragraph • Flesh out details, budget, and approach to procurement • Finalise project RFQs
11:30 – 12:30pm	Big-picture look at our work - identifying gaps
12:30 – 1:00pm	Lunch provided
1:00 – 1:45pm	Carbon sinks: farmers' views on barriers (Emily Geck) Objective: Share and understand feedback from farmers on barriers to carbon sinks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation (30 mins) • Q&A (15 mins)
1:45 – 3:00pm	“Barriers to afforestation on marginal land”: problem tree exercise (Stuart Dymond – facilitator) Objective: Share views and understand the causes and effects underpinning “barriers to afforestation of marginal land” In small groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unpack the causes and effects of this issue (45 minutes) • Cluster the causes and effects into themes (15 mins) • identify the “core problem” (15 mins)
3:00- 3.15 pm	Afternoon tea
3:15 – 3:45pm	“Barriers to afforestation on marginal land”: problem tree exercise <i>continued</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report back themes and core problem x 4 and construct combined picture (30 mins)

3:45 – 4:45pm	Discuss water co-benefits reports
4:45 – 5:00pm	Next steps and close <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting – 24 May

Actions from previous meeting:

Number	Action	Status
1	Chris to action coordination with CCFRG regarding future joint meeting; Milena to send doodle poll of potential dates	Complete
2	Kelly to liaise with CCATWG about future joint meeting	In progress
3	All to fill out CCATWG stocktake template for industry	Complete
4	Kara/Chris to draft progress email to BERG Governance Board, including their role in next steps	Incomplete
5	Milena to share draft MOU (listing contributions); All to comment and finalise	Scrapped
6	Subcommittee for economic project to pull together plan and send through to BERG asap	Partially complete
7	Victoria/Damian/Lindsay to develop + test narrative for position on usability of Overseer as a measuring, reporting, and advisory tool	Complete
8	Milena to draft context/disclaimer paragraph (ie. Providing evidence, not developing policy recs) regarding BERG to use in AgFirst report; All to review	Partially complete
9	Phil W to provide rough estimate of how much riparian/shelterbelt/etc. planting could add up to as an offset towards emissions	Partially complete
10	Milena to ask Peter E and Anna B whether we can do in-house analysis of actions of other countries internationally and how this relates to NZ	Complete
11	Chris to contact PCE with meeting request and list of potential questions BERG are interested in	Partially complete
12	Milena to send final draft of AgFirst report with sub-committee comments to wider-BERG	Complete
13	Chris to look into next stage of OVERSEER analysis through NZAGRC	Partially complete
14	Milena to resend water co-benefits reports; All to read for next meeting's discussion	Complete
15	Nick to circulate link to new Fed Farmers CC policy position	Complete
16	B&L, Feds, and DINZ to meet with MfE/MPI to scope out a potential parallel Action Plans	Incomplete
17	Subcommittees to flesh out RFQs for priority projects: Land-use, policy mechanics, and economic impacts (consider cost)	Partially complete
18	All to confirm their financial year and timing of invoicing	Complete
19	Chris/Kelly to think about short facilitated session at next meeting to take a big-picture look at our work and ID gaps	Complete
20	Milena to Inventory mitigation assessment to 'In-house analysis' folder in BERG drive	Complete