# Requirements on farmers towards low emissions Agriculture in Australia

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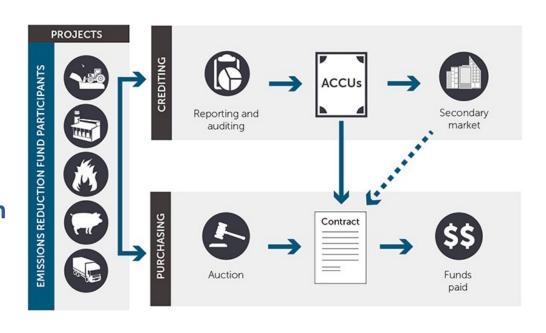




### Australian Climate Change Policy



- National emissions target
  - 43% by 2030 and net zero by 2050
- Key agricultural policies
  - Climate Active Carbon Neutral Standard certification
  - The Emissions Reduction Fund (ERF) \*
  - Reinforcing the Safeguard Mechanism \*
    - The National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting (NGER) scheme
  - Research
    - Reducing methane from livestock (MERiL)
    - Improving soil carbon storage and measurement





#### Australian Climate Change Policy: Emissions Reduction Fund (ERF)



- Emissions Reduction Fund (ERF)
  - Carbon credits (ACCU) allocated for
    - Reducing GHG emissions
    - Increasing carbon stored in soils and vegetation



- 6 monthly reverse auction
  - BUT
- Secondary ACCU market now bigger
- Participation is voluntary



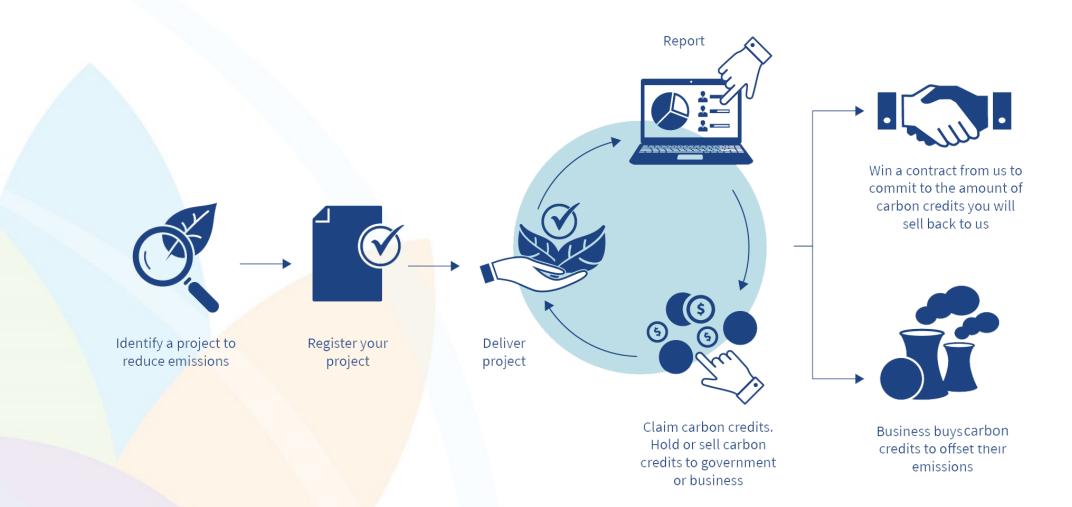






#### Australian Climate Change Policy: Emissions Reduction Fund



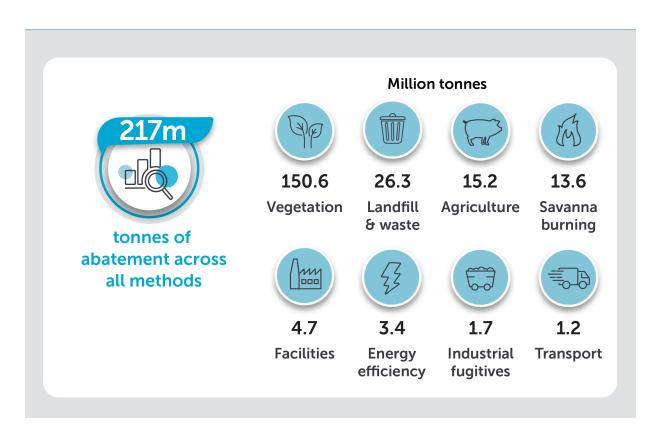




#### Australian Climate Change Policy: Offset methods available



- Industry
  - Carbon capture and storage (1)
  - Energy efficiency (6)
  - Landfill and alternative waste treatment (6)
  - Mining, oil and gas (2)
- Transport (2)
- Agricultural (7)
- Savanna fire management (2)
- Vegetation (9)

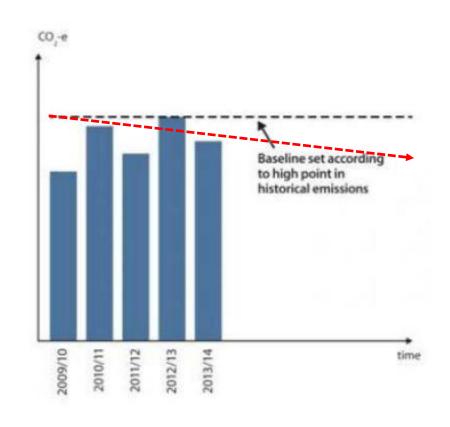




#### Australian Climate Change Policy: Safeguard Mechanism



- Safeguard required
  - Emitters over 100,000 t CO<sub>2</sub>e/y
  - Cap determined by historic reporting
- Secondary market
  - Need to surrender ACCUs above their cap
- Proposal to include 4.9% declining cap
  - Trade Exposed facilities 2%
  - Becomes standard baseline and credit market mechanism





# Supply chain responses to Paris Agreement



- Fonterra
  - Climate-neutral growth to 2030 for pre-farmgate emissions from a 2015 base year
- Unilever \*\*
  - Reducing the GHG impact of their products by 50% by 2030, compared to baseline of 2010
- Mondelez
  - Reduce absolute GHG from manufacturing 15%
  - 100% renewable energy
- Nestle \*\*
  - Zero environmental impact in our operations
- JBS
  - Net-zero GHG by 2040 and zero deforestation across its global supply chain by 2035
- Heineken
  - Carbon neutral barley-malt supply chain
- Rabobank & NAB
  - Net zero financed emissions by 2050
  - Hold 50% of Australia agri-debt market

- Mars
  - Reduce GHG across our value chain 27% by 2025 and 67% by 2050 (from 2015 levels)
- Kellogg Company \*\*
  - 65% reduction by 2050
  - 100% renewable energy

\*\*committed to increasing plant-based protein

- Pfizer
  - 60 to 80% by 2050
- Wilmar international
  - 89.72% less GHG from 2013 to 2020
  - 100% renewable energy
- Olam
  - Reduce GHGs by 50% by 2030 both in our own operations and in our supply chain
  - By 2050, we aspire to be carbon positive in operations, requiring a 5% emissions reduction per year from 2031 – 2050

- Of the 100 largest economies 69 are companies and 31 are countries
- Government policy may now be less influential than market forces



# Key Conclusion from Net Zero Australia plan



- Agriculture will need to inset ALL their own soil and tree carbon
- Maintain supply chain access post 2030
- Climate Active certification
  - Insetting framework for consultation
  - Allows 10-year rolling mean on sequestration

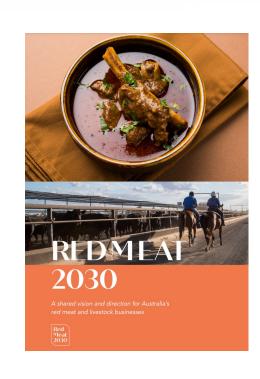




# Industry targets



- Australian Red Meat Industry (RMAC 2030 strategy)
  - Australian red-meat can be carbon neutral by 2030 (CN30)
  - Language switching to climate neutral
- Most other industries have intensity targets still
- Global Methane Pledge
  - 30% less methane by 2030 by 105 countries
  - Australia now a signatory





# Farm business responses



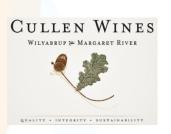
#### Livestock

Arcadian Organic & Natural's Meat Co

Flinders + Co Meats

- NAPCO
- COLES
- Wine
  - Ross Hill
  - Tulloch
  - Cullen

















# How our supply chains view their targets?



- Supply chains will need to meet their targets
- All suppliers will conduct GHG audit
  - QR code sent through blockchain to purchaser

- Purchaser starts buying at lowest GHG
  - The higher GHG they purchase costs them more carbon offsets



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#### Australian Climate Change Policy: Land Sector ACCUs issued



	Sector	Category		Methods (projects)		Credits issued	
	Agriculture	Manure management	•	Animal Effluent (pigs/dairy; 7) Engineered biodigesters (pigs; 1) Methane from piggery (10)	•	271,166 49,650 756,705	
		• Cattle	•	Feeding nitrate to beef cattle (0) Beef cattle herd method (14)	•	Nil 593,563	
		• Dairy	•	Feeing dietary oils to dairy cattle (0)	•	Nil	
		• Cotton	•	Fertiliser efficiency in cotton (0)	•	Nil	
		Soil Carbon	•	Measurement of soil carbon (172) Soil carbon in grazing (39)* Measurement + Modelling (159)	•	Nil 1,904 Nil	
		Savanna Burning		Savanna fire management (96)	•	11,250,810	
	Vegetation management	<ul> <li>Regeneration of permanent native forest</li> <li>Avoided clearing of native regrowth</li> <li>Native forest from managed regrowth</li> <li>Plantation forestry</li> <li>Avoided deforestation</li> </ul>	•	Total Vegetation (676)	•	51,172,825	
			•	Avoided deforestation (42)	•	16,076,706	