



22 November 2013

Christine McDonald  
Secretary  
Standing Committee on  
Environment and Communication  
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Dear Ms McDonald,

**Inquiry into the Clean Energy Legislation (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013 and related Bills**

The National Farmers' Federation (NFF) notes the Inquiry by the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee into the Clean Energy Repeal Bills and welcome the opportunity to lodge a submission.

Please find attached the NFF's submission to the exposure draft of these bills. The NFF's position has not changed since this submission was lodged.

The NFF welcomes the opportunity to appear before the Committee to further enunciate on the NFF's position.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Sir/Madam

### **Repeal of the Carbon Tax Exposure Draft Legislation and Consultation Paper**

The National Farmers' Federation (NFF) welcomes the opportunity to make a short submission on the repeal of the Carbon Tax.

The NFF has been concerned about the impact that the carbon tax has on farm businesses and particularly the agricultural processing sector. While agriculture has remained an uncovered sector, agricultural businesses are primarily cost takers and consequently suffer the imposition of any costs imposed throughout the supply chain. This includes the costs arising from the carbon tax for energy and others goods and services.

Therefore, the NFF supports the repeal of the carbon tax, and the proposed focus from 1 July 2014 on options to reduce Australia's carbon emissions through the Government's direct action.

The NFF notes that the repeal of the carbon tax will also include the repeal of the conservation tillage tax offset. Given the long term enduring sequestration, mitigation and adaptation benefits from conservation tillage, the NFF suggests that it may be appropriate to continue this program using other mechanisms.

Notwithstanding the previous Government's budget re-profiling and redirection of funding for the Land Sector programs, the NFF seeks urgent clarification of the status of and funding available in these programs, including the Carbon Farming Initiative, the Carbon Farming Futures (CFF) Program, the Biodiversity Fund and other Land and Biodiversity Measures.

The NFF also seeks clarification on future investment in RD&E for agriculture (on-farm and processing) for innovative and cost-effective mitigation and adaptation measures. The investment through the CFF has led to significant improvements in efficiency and reductions in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions relative to business as usual. Importantly, R&D for adaptation in a changing and more extreme climate will be continue to be required.

Yours sincerely

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