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I refer to our submission to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Climate Change, Environment and the Arts' inquiry into Bills presented on 24 March 2011* *(Carbon Farming Initiative).

As a matter of interest could the committee consider how the burning of cane avoids methane and NOx.

The legislation describes an agricultural emissions avoidance project - means a project to avoid:

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/(e) an emission of:
(i) methane; or
(ii) nitrous oxide;

from the burning of:
(v) sugar cane before harvest;

If you don't burn the cane then the trash that is left will go into trash blanketing.

The only other avoidance of methane mentioned in relation to sugar cane for example in CDM papers is the use of cane as fuel as opposed to leaving it to rot and in the rotting process produce methane. The NOx avoidance has been most often described as relating to use of fertilisers so again it seems irrelevant to burning. Indirectly one could make the case for avoiding NOx and methane production through changing fertilising and burying of trash, but that isn't related to burning.

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Regards
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