

# Climate Change Response (Emissions Trading Reform) Amendment Bill

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Public submissions are now being called for Climate Change Response (Emissions Trading Reform) Amendment Bill

The closing date for submissions is Friday, 17 January 2020

The Environment Committee has updated its call for submissions on the Climate Change Response (Emissions Trading Reform) Amendment Bill to include provisions set out in Supplementary Order Paper (SOP) 413.

An SOP contains proposed amendments that have been made publically available. In this case the SOP has been proposed by the Minister for Climate Change and the provisions set out in it relate to the agricultural sector. The committee has agreed to invite public submissions after receiving a formal request from the Minister.

Public submissions on the SOP are to be made through the same channel as submissions on the bill. One submission can be made that discusses both the bill and the SOP.

About the bill

The bill seeks to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by amending the Climate Change Response Act 2002 through changes to the Emissions Trading Scheme.

The bill is complex, but in broad terms it would:

- Insert the text of the Paris Agreement into the Act
- Introduce new tools to regulate the overall limits and price controls for units
- Change how the legislation interacts with industries like agriculture and forestry
- Introduce a number of administrative and technical changes to reduce the complexity of forestry rules and encourage new forests
- introduce new categories of land and activities for offsetting emissions through forestry
- introduce an emissions price in 2025 for agricultural livestock on farms and fertiliser processors
- increase the phase-out rate for industrial allocations
- provide a compliance and penalty regime, to be administered by the Environmental Protection Authority
- introduce new transparency requirements so the Environmental Protection Authority publishes information about emission returns.

Parliament has also given the Environment Committee authority to consider and recommend amendments to agricultural emissions pricing. The Minister for Climate Change, Hon James Shaw, told the House during his First Reading speech that he will ask the committee to consider specific draft amendments before Christmas.

- **Submissions are publicly released and published to the Parliament website.** Only your name or organisation's name is required on a submission. Please keep your contact details separate, as if they are included on the submission they will become publicly available when the submission is released.
- If you wish to include information of a private or personal nature in your submission you should discuss this with the clerk of the committee before submitting.
- If you wish to speak to your submission, please state this clearly.

Further guidance on making a submission can be found from the 'How to make a submission' link in the 'Related documents' panel.

If you have any questions about your submission or the submission process please contact the Committee Staff through the contact details provided on this page.

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