

There are an enormously compelling and urgent reasons to cut our greenhouse pollution and I urge you to recommend that a very high and science-based target of 50 per cent by 2020

One area that is not getting sufficient attention is the ground breaking work of Dr Christine Jones that shows soil carbon sequestration by using perennial pasture grass can make a huge difference and at the same time restore land that has inadvertently almost destroyed.

The latest CSIRO publication Ecos abstract states “Farmers have a golden solution to global warming largely missed by climate change pundits, right beneath their feet. The innovative Australian Soil Carbon Accreditation Scheme is showing how incentive payments can be received by landholders for measurable increases in soil carbon that soaks up CO₂ from the atmosphere. Financial incentives could help fund soil restoration efforts, which in turn bring the bonus of greater productivity, drought resilience and even rain.” See <http://www.publish.csiro.au/?paper=EC141p28> for more details or Ecos 141 Feb-Mar 2008 page 28

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