



Huon Valley Environment Centre

Garnaut Review

Submission: Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) discussion paper

The Huon Valley Environment Centre (HVEC) is a not for profit, community organization based in Huonville Southern Tasmania. The Centre represents over 100 members throughout the local community.

The HVEC supports the establishment of an appropriate Emissions Trading System (ETS) for Australia. A cap on GHG emissions is vital to avoid dangerous climate change.

It is crucial that all sectors of the economy are included in an ETS. In particular, Forestry and Agriculture must be included as they play vital roles in both contributing to, and offering ways to mitigate, GHG emissions.

Failing to include forestry and agriculture in an ETS would represent a missed opportunity to tackle considerable emissions. In Tasmania, Forestry and Land Use Change is listed as the largest single source of GHG emissions (Tasmanian Government, Draft Climate Change Strategy, 2007). Failing to include these sectors could also undermine the potential to encourage mitigation and bio-sequestration measures.

The HVEC has also submitted a response to the Issue Paper on Land Use-Agriculture and Forestry, which covers our argument for encouraging mitigation and sequestration through land use measures.

The HVEC also believes that there should be:

- no free allocation of permits
- no borrowing from future emissions or other system
- no leakage across borders
- no trading for offsets
- no compensation for big polluters as climate change and the global response to it should have been built in to these companies forward planning (The IPCC was created in 1988).
- include personal allowances and rationing as part of the trading model

Thank you for the opportunity to raise these issues.

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