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MUNGO COMMUNITY PLANNING & INFORMATION FORUM
20 November 2008 @ Mungo Lodge @ 2pm
Let's Talk About Climate Change and the Carbon Pollution
Reduction Scheme.
Seeking answers to your questions!

There is a common perception that the **Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (CPRS)** announced recently by our federal government is only the concern of big business. This is incorrect; the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (CPRS) will affect every organisation, no matter what size.

The Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (CPRS) works by mandating that every organisation with a facility that emits 25 kilotonnes of CO₂-e or more per year must report and purchase a permit for every tonne of CO₂-e it releases. This covers approximately 70% of Australia's emissions and includes most electricity generators, mining companies, large property trusts and other ASX 200 companies

As a farmer, you may think this does not affect you!

Unfortunately, the inclusion of agriculture in the CPRS may happen as early as 2015. The government proposes to make a decision on the inclusion of agricultural emissions in 2013. This is thought to allow time to consult with the industry on ways to cover and to improve the measurement of emissions from agriculture.

Mr King, Chair of LMD CMA said that "studies show that most businesses can significantly improve their energy efficiencies. There is always potential for improvements in energy efficiency to offset much of the increase in energy costs".

"The CMA is aware of the need to better understand these new laws" he said.

"Mr Graeme McIntosh from NSW DPI will be one of two speakers at the upcoming Mungo Forum. Graeme has extensive knowledge on the impact of the new laws regarding the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme and would like to discuss with local farmers what their perceptions are about the future" Mr King said.

"On 20 November at 2.00pm an opportunity will exist for open discussion from landholders and other interested groups on this important issue of Climate Change and its impact on the agricultural industry" he said.

All interested people and groups are welcome to attend the Mungo Forum on 20 November at Mungo Lodge. It would be good to know the number who anticipate to attend, so registration to LMD CMA would be appreciated.

More details about the Mungo Forum agenda can be found on the LMD CMA website at www.lmd.cma.nsw.gov.au or by phoning Susan Walla on 03 5021 9460.

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