



## **The Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association Position in relation to the introduction of the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme**

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The Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association remains most concerned with the proposed introduction of the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (CPRS) into the Australian Parliament

The TFGA believes that any proposed CPRS legislation should not be introduced into the Australian Parliament until the outcome of the forthcoming United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen are known. This conference is to be conducted in early December 2009.

The TFGA remains extremely concerned with regards to the impact of the proposed CPRS and its likely impact on Australian farmers and farming families.

The TFGA supports the National Farmers Federation's (NFF) key positions in relation to any proposed CPRS.

- Agriculture's direct emissions should not be covered under a CPRS cap
- Any proposed Legislation should allow for the flexibility for alternative, incentive-driven, market based carbon mitigation mechanisms to be recognised from the agriculture sector

The TFGA strongly believes that CPRS Legislation should not be introduced in late October, six weeks prior to Copenhagen.

Only when the outcomes of Copenhagen are known, can a sensible and factual debate on the introduction of any Australian Emissions Trading Scheme take place.