

## Talking points for ECO – repeal of agricultural obligations in the NZ ETS

- We have committed to taking a pragmatic and sensible approach to bringing down agricultural emissions.
- Removing agriculture from the NZ ETS, via this repeal, is the first step in achieving our coalition and manifesto priorities in this area.
- It is important to pass legislation by 31 December 2024 to prevent NZ ETS obligations from coming into effect on 1 January 2025. If we do not amend the legislation by this time, processors will be required to pay for farm level emissions.
- Announcing this repeal is also an opportunity to signal our future intentions for agricultural emissions policy. It is important we do this to provide some more certainty for the sector and other stakeholders – and further demonstrate our commitment to action.
- The key actions we expect to highlight as part of this announcement include:
  - reviewing the methane science and targets (the review will be announced by 8 April 2024);
  - establishing an agricultural emissions reduction advisory board;
  - publishing the standardised farm-level methodology for on-farm emissions;
  - commencing measurement of on-farm emissions in 2025, based on the published methodology;
  - ensuring farmers have the tools they need to reduce emissions, by supporting research in emission-reducing technologies, reviewing GE & GM rules, and investigating options to incentivise farmer uptake of mitigation technologies;
  - 9(2)(f)(iv)
  - introducing fair and sustainable pricing of on-farm emissions no later than 2030, that reduces emissions without resulting in emissions leakage and sending production overseas.
- We expect that these actions will also be key aspects of the second emissions reduction plan.
- We will also take action to tidy up He Waka Eke Noa, which was set up under the previous Government – as it is time for a fresh start. We will come back to you with more detail on this, and what we plan to do instead, in due course.