

Media Release



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Roadmap sows the seed for carbon farming development in SA

Help for farming communities to access the emerging carbon farming sector has arrived with the release of a new roadmap for the South Australian industry.

Carbon farming can restore landscapes, improve agricultural productivity, generate new sources of income, and deliver a range of social and economic benefits for regional communities.

The *Carbon Farming Roadmap for South Australia* is part of the Malinauskas government's efforts to mitigate the impacts of climate change.

It will assist government and industry to grow investment in this emerging sector and realise the broader economic, environmental, and social benefits of carbon farming in South Australia.

Carbon farming increases the amount of carbon stored in soil and vegetation and helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

While yet to be tried on a large scale in South Australia, carbon farming presents an exciting and important step in the state's efforts to adapt to a changing climate and transition to an economy that is climate smart and resilient.

For more information on carbon farming and the implementation of the roadmap please visit:

pir.sa.gov.au/primary_industry/climate_change_resilience_and_adaptation/carbon_farming

Quotes attributable to Susan Close MP:

Greater adoption of carbon farming will help our primary industries and other sectors to reduce their emissions through the generation and purchase of high-quality carbon offsets.

The development of a thriving carbon farming sector will be crucial in reaching our goal to reduce net emissions by more than 50 per cent (from 2005 levels) by 2030 and achieve net zero emissions by 2050.

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Emissions reduction and other benefits from carbon farming will help South Australia economically as the world moves to a carbon free future.

This roadmap shows us the projects and policies that will encourage growth in resilient low-carbon businesses.

I look forward to spruiking the roadmap and other South Australian environmental initiatives at COP27 in Egypt this week.

Quotes attributable to Clare Scriven MLC:

There are carbon farming opportunities with huge potential for primary industries and other land managers in South Australia.

The roadmap highlights the key areas to best position South Australian producers so they can take advantage of the productivity and economic opportunities available through carbon farming.

These areas include growing the skills, knowledge, and capacity to undertake carbon farming, as well as ensuring applicability of recognised carbon methods to our unique soils and climate.

By understanding these areas better, it will help our primary producers make informed decisions about their participation in carbon farming practices.

I want primary producers to continue to work with the State Government to realise the exciting benefits carbon farming offers South Australia.