



Next Climate Minister must be more science savvy says F.A.R.M

FARM is urging PM Jacinda Ardern to ensure the next climate Minister has some understanding of science and is able to understand the difference between carbon emissions sourced from ruminant methane and carbon emissions sourced from fossil fuel.

New Zealand's small population and large pastoral farming industry means that 48 % of our carbon emissions are produced by livestock but what no previous climate Minister has been able to grasp is that most of the carbon emissions produced by livestock are part of a natural, age-old cycle and as such do not cause any increase in atmospheric greenhouse gas.

The emission reduction targets for ruminant methane that were set in to law under her climate Minister James Shaw were not based on science and was just the latest of many gaffs by many climate ministers over the years in relation to the Government's policy response to ruminant methane emissions.

It is important that the New Zealand Government gets it right finally. Our country and our farmers have been let down by climate ministers and officials who have failed to understand the difference between cyclical biological emissions which do not cause any increase in atmospheric greenhouse gas and additive fossil sourced emissions which can cause an increase.

Choosing a Minister who has studied science to at least intermediate school level is vital so they can grasp the concept that livestock emissions are part of a cycle.

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