



## **Climate Commission compares farming to whaling**

“Farmers are in serious trouble if the comments by the Climate Commission that compared farming to whaling are an indication of how the Commission views farming”, said Robin Grieve, Chairman of FARM (Facts About Ruminant Methane)

It is bad enough to have the Climate Commission deny the climate science as it relates to New Zealand’s ruminant methane emission’s impact on global temperatures as it did in its report and make a ridiculous recommendation that the Government somehow force farmers to reduce their livestock numbers and worse, convert land currently dedicated to the production of high value proteins into carbon forestry wastelands.

But to equate the place and role in the world farmers have in producing high value food for a growing population, with a dying industry such as whaling demonstrates a view of farming that should concern all New Zealanders. The Commission Chairman’s view of farming is possibly the reason he ignores the science of ruminant methane and farmers must act to show the politicians their concern. The science backs New Zealand farmers and farmers need to push for all parties to listen to the science. Farmers are understandably angry at being likened to such a cruel and outdated industry.

Many people and groups who advocate for tough climate policies do so with agendas that include being just plain anti farming for any reason. Farmers should be questioning the Climate Commission Chair’s agenda and credentials in light of his comments.

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