

## s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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I am going to take a punt on next Friday the 4th at 1600 AEST.

I'll send the invitation out later today.

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Hi Everyone

I can make 4pm on Thursday the 3<sup>rd</sup> work if that is possible? Friday is also ok at that time

Best regards

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Happy to jump on a call. We could also check in on EUDR while we're at it.

I can't make Tuesday but could do that time Wed-Fri if that suits.

Kind regards

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Thanks <sup>s 22(1)(a)(ii)</sup>

I'll see what the others think.

Regards

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Hi <sup>s 22(1)(a)(ii)</sup>

This time does work well for me and while <sup>s 22(1)(a)(ii)</sup> is traveling for work that week, at this point her calendar is ok.

Regards

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I am thinking that we have a videoconference with this group next Tuesday the 1<sup>st</sup> of October at 1600. This time will hopefully also work for s 22(1)(a)(ii) and s 22(1)(a)(ii). Could people let me know if this time works. If not, we might have to resort to the infamous Google pole.

I have spoken with QDAF, as they did up a few case studies for the CA project, to prepare some initial drafts of some talking points to cover Cat X, Brigalow, Mulga, Leucaena eco systems. They are very supportive and will oblige. Interestingly a lot of the studies on Brigalow have the economic analysis prepared by a QDAF person based in Rockhampton called s 22(1)(a)(ii) (the facilitator of the November Rockhampton meeting).

Regards

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Hi All

I'm happy to assist in whatever capacity is most useful. I will be in Geneva that week for WTO TBT meetings.

Regards

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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii) is our rep in the UK and she would be able to assist the in-market government representative following a briefing. We can ensure she has all the information she needs ahead of a meeting. Happy to discuss further and be guided by all on the email.

Best regards

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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thanks for sharing. I think this would be great if DAFF post could get to it, if for nothing else than an intel gathering exercise. An industry presence would be good too if someone can make it.

It might be worth us checking whether we have any other Australian reps on the associated *UNECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry* (e.g. from the forestry sector). I feel these UNECE committees are very (very) slow burn but it may be worth the Australian industry investing time on a committee to shape future standards.

Kind regards

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Agree

Good to have someone there.

I can talk to my Board about heading over if it is of use.

Otherwise happy to contribute to briefing

Cheers

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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

This is a contact that AUSMEAT through s 22(1)(a)(ii) introduced us to. I then introduced them to s 22(1)(a)(ii) when she was still managing the Land Management Commitment project on behalf of CA and Agforce back in early August.

Is this something that would be of use to send one or two people to explain our land management practices in Australia. Given that we have an MLA representative in Europe as well as some very skilled DFAT people it could be a matter of preparing briefing notes and talking points.

Happy to discuss further if people think that this is worthwhile.

Regards

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**From:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Dear s 22(1)(a)(ii) and colleagues,

I would like to come back to you about the “[Deforestation-free trade dialogue](#)” that we organize in Geneva, Switzerland, on 13 November 2024.

On the website you find the registration to the event and a background paper, a shorter concept note and a survey on the EUDR and its possible impact on the various supply chains.

Please let me know if someone of your network would like to attend the event.

I seem to understand that the definitions of forests and deforestation of the EUDR is not in line with current definitions in place in Australia and that meat and hides sector are worried about being accused of deforestation.

What is the strategy of Australian meat and hides producer? – are they advancing/delaying shipments due to uncertainty? Do they consider shipping to other markets, instead of the EU?

I am happy to discuss the event further in detail and I am at your disposition for any questions.

Please feel free to share the information about the event with your colleagues and networks via [LinkedIn](#) or other means.

With kind regards,

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**Subject:** RE: EU deforestation regulation compliance preparation [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Attachments:** Media Release AgTrace Australia EUDR Announcement.pdf

Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

We have a session with industry, industry RDCs and the DFAT people in Brussels later this afternoon about the forthcoming UNECE dialogue on the EUDR, just wondering if there was any information circulated to the EUCAS properties about the EUDR. When we were putting together the example loads for the AgTrace pilot we received plenty of rejections from EUCAS property owners as they had no direct knowledge and were responding to the rumours they had heard. We are still on that journey but have had to delay the shipment for a month to ensure we get enough producers on board to have a viable shipment.

[Deforestation-free trade dialogue](#)

We are hoping to have an MLA person attend this event to keep an eye on proceedings, and possibly respond to incorrect information presented by others about current Land Management Practices in Australia.

Regards

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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Trust you are well.

Thanks for your emails. Hopefully I am just in time for your deadline!

I can confirm that EUCAS team is working on a producer and processor advice notice outlining details of the EUDR and current state. This is currently being consulted internally and the departmental expect to provide the communication to all stakeholders in the EUCAS supply chain in the near future. At this stage there is no need for Teys to conduct your own comms unless you wish to separately.

As new information comes in, and further work is done, other advice notices to producers and processors will follow.

The department is committed to ensuring there is consistent and accurate messaging on this matter and we will be actively engaging with Cattle Australia, Lot Feeders and EU processors to ensure that our messaging is consistent as the EUDR work progresses.

Trust this helps

Regards,

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**Subject:** RE: EU deforestation regulation compliance preparation

Hi Everyone

We are still trying to progress this project.

I need to know whether DAFF are comfortable with providing general information to EUCAS producers about the EUDR. If that is not possible then we will need to start doing this along our commercial supply chains. We will attempt to engage with CA, ALFA, and the other EU processors to ensure that our messaging is consistent. I will probably use the project group at Food Agility as a sounding board.

If we have to do it along our commercial supply chains, then we will need to commence that dissemination process now given the time frames outlined below. If I don't receive a reply by close of business Friday, I will assume that we are doing this commercially.

Regards

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Subject: EU deforestation regulation compliance preparation

Hi Colleagues

As you may know Teys are working with Food Agility/Agtrace in the EUDR supply chain experiment. Its progressing well.

The producer politics with that process are complicated as you may already realise. There is some noise in the producer ranks about pushing back on the EU. In my experience that is not usually successful, so we are working as though this is happening. In our interactions with producers, we are letting them know that the information transfer required to comply is a voluntary process. To ensure that those producers that are not yet willing to share the required data are not disadvantaged financially, as we work to fully understand what is required to comply with the EUDR, we are describing cattle from these properties as UK eligible.

Although the Government isn't directly involved in the due diligence process the attached market access advice has been helpful as it highlights that the EUDR is a Market Access requirement.

With the Agtrace project we are in the process of sourcing cattle that will then go into a feedlot resulting in the production of meat that will enter the EU after the 30<sup>th</sup> of December 2024, so these cattle need to comply with the EUDR. For Feedlot cattle we are relying on the feedlot to assess the eligibility credentials of the properties supplying the store cattle. Some of those supplying farms will be receiving cattle for backgrounding from other breeding properties. What I am trying to say is that this process could become quite complicated in ensuring all EUCAS properties are aware of the EUDR, but there is one saving grace and that is the number of EU eligible properties is limited.

For grass fed cattle the sourcing needs to comply for cattle being processed from around mid-October onwards. There is another Agtrace project which will be focused on this supply as the source cattle will be coming from Central Qld.

A couple of hopeful requests to assist with that process in reminding the producers that that is a market access requirement if you want to produce EU eligible cattle.

1. Will there be an updated MAA.
2. If it hasn't already, can MAA 2403 and any future related MAA's be distributed to the list of EUCAS accredited producers directly.

Happy to discuss further.

Regards

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## Beef industry responding to EU Deforestation Regulations

Media Release: 27 August 2024

[AgTrace Australia](#), a pilot program testing the Australian beef industry's ability to prove sustainability credentials, including deforestation, is aiming to help producers prepare for new European Union (EU) market access requirements.

Australian beef exports to the EU were worth almost \$150 million in 2023, with hides worth an estimated \$50 million.

Introduction of the European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) means after 30 December 2024, products traded within EU such as soy, palm oil, cocoa, coffee, timber, rubber, as well as beef and beef co-products must be able to show they don't contribute to deforestation or forest degradation.

The EUDR is a business-to-business requirement and will apply to Australian cattle producers, including feedlots, who supply EU eligible cattle, EU listed beef processors, and hides destined to be exported there.

Whole-of-life product traceability with geolocations of product origins will be required to meet EU import documentation and that's where AgTrace will play a key role.

AgTrace is an initiative of Food Agility [partially funded](#) although not endorsed by the Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry. Teys Australia, Casino Hide Tanners, and AI Topper and Co are some of the industry partners participating in the pilot program.

AgTrace Australia Project Manager and Food Agility Chief Scientist, Professor [s 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#), said the partnership with industry stakeholders and technology providers has delivered a reliable solution.

"Our efforts aim to demonstrate data sharing protocols and verification throughout the red meat supply chain to ensure market access for emerging requirements such as EUDR," Professor [s 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#) said.

The first stage aims to demonstrate to the European Commission that compliance with Federal and State and Territory Land Management laws produces an equivalent outcome to the EUDR.

Results from the pilot program will be used to develop a more permanent, long-term method of demonstrating compliance with the EUDR.

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1	Agenda Item	<h1>s 22(1)(a)(ii)</h1>	
2	Agenda Item	<b>Steering Committee Member Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Woolies s 22(1)(a)(ii)<p>With EUDR, to understand that product and beef space.</p>s 22(1)(a)(ii)</li><li>s 22(1)(a)(ii) - Aust Steel Institute - 2-3yr deep dive into traceability.</li><li>LN/DAFF - members touched on already about EUDR by engaging with EU on the regulation and engaging with affected industries to keep them informed. The Aust Ag Trace Gov Group DSWG is finalising the outcomes from the feedback of the HYS consultation on their paper. DSWG is a subgroup of the AATGG.</li><li>s 22(1)(a)(ii)</li><li>s 22(1)(a)(ii)</li><li>GS1 team - Aust Bld Codes Board discussion paper - regul reform on traceability and ID. DAF QLD standing up traceability pilot for EUDR. s 22(1)(a)(i)- looking at EUDR and dyping G/L's for timber industry like what done for Aust seafood - give a roadmap for timber. CoOL on seafood coming into effect in 2025 (food service req) - Aust/Imported/mixed label. Impending release regulation or recommendations in a report on IUU and s 22(1)(a)(i) can advise us. s 22- that is diff area of the dept and can find out but you might find out before I do. s 22(1)(a)(ii)- pilots on implementation starting. s 22(1)(a)(i)- nil; s 22(1)(a)(i)- nil; s 22(1)(a)(i)- GS1 Aust working with plastic recyclers and traceab on rtn of plastics - remaking of products and reuse in road base. Keep eye on.</li><li>s 22(1)(a)(ii)</li><li>AFGC - GTIN labelling - s 22(1)(a)(ii)<p>Traceab topics - EUDR, sgile use recycling, ESG reporting, sustainability. Latest pkg reform has a traceab component. Blding 2D K capability Woolies are undercoving other use cases. Trying to bld capabi in other retailers too.</p></li></ul>	All
3	Agenda Item	<b>NGTAG 2025 Refresh</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>s 22(- send any comments. Things for focus in 2025. NGTAG - easy access to resources. EUDR, Scope 3 carbon emissions report, AI for traceab - any other hot topics? s 22(1)(i)UNTP be a topic. s 22(1)(i)- UNTP has appilction beyond sustainability. Will circulate a doc to add topics.</li><li>s 22(1)(a)(ii) GS1 - Future Freight CRC - new tech's coming in. Whent talk about traceab - transport piece is left out. With CRCs, is worth thinking about their inclusion in NGTAG discussions and bring funding to traceab pilots? s 22(1)(a)(i)- s 22(1)(a)(i) and I will take away on for focus areas.</li><li>s 22(1)(a)(ii)</li><li>s 22(- supply chain optimisation and efficiencies - impt for business. Starting point to give urge to start on traceab.</li></ul>	s 22(1)(a)(ii)
4	Agenda Item	<b>Pillar 4 - Support Federal Cross Agency Collaboration &amp; State Government Collaboration</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>s 22(1)(a)(ii)</li><li>Government traceability and trade update <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_24_5009">https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_24_5009</a> From &lt;<a href="https://apps.zoom.us/jc/81998161421?join?x_m_rtaid=PUg5kYXQGuilMefH8-Elw-172920928365-ao72692fb4756918838dbba549ae5c508_x_m_rtaid=8808from-mwga-">https://apps.zoom.us/jc/81998161421?join?x_m_rtaid=PUg5kYXQGuilMefH8-Elw-172920928365-ao72692fb4756918838dbba549ae5c508_x_m_rtaid=8808from-mwga-</a>&gt; Latest update from EC. Pause on timefme of phasing in of EUDR - affects 3K producers in meat exports. Largest businesses to be compliant by end Dec 2025 and smaller bus in June 2026. Digital passport complexity.  AgTrace activity thru Food Agility - did a presentation to DAFF yesterday. POC Hort. Blds on red meat - traverse GS1 and non-GS1 identifiers. Should be a recording or material released in next few wks.  AgriFood Summit - focus on verification of sustainability claims. Aligns with our focus esp. UNTP. s 22(1)(a)(ii) presented to NGTAG previously. Growing fast thru Aust Agricultural Trace (not Transparency) Protocol related to data stds. Controversial identifiers - referring to GS1 identifiers - we're on 550m [displeasure here]  s 22(1)(a)(ii)  Trade Tech WG - s 22(1)(a)(ii)focuss on cross border and credentials for meat exports. ABF have a sandbox on traceab and data flow. Mandeep - keen for JBS and overall - can do better in industry on how currently function.</li></ul>	s 22(1)(a)(i) GS1 s 22(1)(a)(i)
5	Agenda Item	<b>Global Traceability Scan</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>s 22(1)(a)(ii)</li></ul>	s 22(1)(a)(ii)

## EUDR

- The dept has been engaging with the EU to seek assurances that its regulation accurately assesses Aust's circumstances and will be implemented in the most efficient and cost-effective manner for Aust exporters and is engagin with industries affected by the regulation to keep them informed as new information becomes available and to assit them in mtg the new req's.
- [The dept supported an Ag Trace EUDR pilot to test tech solutions to meet the EUDR requirements running from June to Nov 2024. This pilot is an extension of a Data enabled traceability proof of concept (AgTrace) rund by Food Agility.
- Dept is re-evaluating next steps because this is a B2B requ.
- Industry will need to engage with EC on a pathway to adoption].

Pre-discussion from s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Drivers:

Big retailers

New legislation - sustainability

Pioneers seeing value for their brand.

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**Sent:** Thursday, 24 October 2024 8:40 AM  
**To:** s 22(1)(a)(ii) @aff.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @aff.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @aff.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @aff.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Uruguay EUDR tool

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**Sent:** Thursday, 24 October 2024 9:56 AM  
**To:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Subject:** RE: Uruguay Ministry of Agriculture solution for EUDR looks very good

Thanks for sharing! Is this government backed? Happy for me to share with folks internally?

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**From:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Sent:** Thursday, 24 October 2024 9:45 AM  
**To:** s 22(1)(a)(ii) @aff.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Uruguay Ministry of Agriculture solution for EUDR looks very good

FYI

Cheers,  
s 22(1)(a)(ii)



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**From:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Sent:** Thursday, 24 October 2024 11:07 AM  
**To:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Subject:** RE: Uruguay EUDR tool [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Please do. The information is publicly available. I also think Beef Central are also aware.

The group doing this from what I can work out are a mixture of ISC and AUSMEAT.

The other problem is that in Australia this is being portrayed as EU only. The EU have borrowed their definitions from other frameworks like the Science Based Target Initiative (SBTi) and the Accountability Framework Initiative (AFI). These others are the ones our publicly listed companies such as Woolworths and Coles, and big end users of Beef such as MacDonalds have already referenced and have set time targets to be compliant by with those sustainability standards.

Regards

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**From:** s 22(1)(a)(ii) @aff.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 24 October 2024 9:51 AM  
**To:** s 22(1)(a)(ii) @aff.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @aff.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @aff.gov.au>  
**Subject:** RE: Uruguay EUDR tool [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Dear s 22(1)(a)(ii),

Thank you for sharing this, very interesting.

Is it OK if we share this with the other staff in the department who are working on this issue?

Cheers,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Assistant Director | Meat Market Access (Europe, Eurasia and UK)

**s 22(1)(a)(ii)****Export Standards Branch| Exports and Veterinary Services Division****OFFICIAL****From:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)**Sent:** Thursday, 24 October 2024 9:41 AM**To:** s 22(1)(a)(ii) [@aff.gov.au](mailto:@aff.gov.au); s 22(1)(a)(ii) [@aff.gov.au](mailto:@aff.gov.au); s 22(1)(a)(ii) [@aff.gov.au](mailto:@aff.gov.au); s 22(1)(a)(ii) [@aff.gov.au](mailto:@aff.gov.au)**Subject:** RE: Uruguay EUDR tool**From:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)**Sent:** Thursday, 24 October 2024 8:40 AM**To:** s 22(1)(a)(ii) [@aff.gov.au](mailto:@aff.gov.au); s 22(1)(a)(ii) [@aff.gov.au](mailto:@aff.gov.au); s 22(1)(a)(ii) [@aff.gov.au](mailto:@aff.gov.au); s 22(1)(a)(ii) [@aff.gov.au](mailto:@aff.gov.au)**Subject:** Uruguay EUDR tool

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**s 22(1)(a)(ii)**

**Subject:** AgTrace - EUDR pilot showcase  
**Location:** Microsoft Teams Meeting; ACT CQ2 02.022 Tiger Orchid Room (VC Unit Type 1 with IPTV)  
**Start:** Thu 5/12/2024 10:00 AM  
**End:** Thu 5/12/2024 11:30 AM  
**Show Time As:** Tentative  
**Recurrence:** (none)  
**Meeting Status:** Not yet responded  
**Organizer:** Credentials and Digital Innovation  
**Required Attendees:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)

(DFAT); s 22(1)(a)(ii)

**Optional Attendees:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)**Resources:** ACT CQ2 02.022 Tiger Orchid Room (VC Unit Type 1 with IPTV)

Hi all,

The Credentials and Digital Innovation (CDI) team, Agricultural Traceability Branch (ATB) would like to invite you to attend the AgTrace European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) pilot showcase.

Presented by Food Agility CRC and associated project partners (including Teys, Casino and AI Topper), the showcase will present the data and results from their trial EU export shipment for cattle and dummy export for skins and hides and speak to the feedback received from EU importers.

If you have any questions or queries, please contact [credentials.innovation@aff.gov.au](mailto:credentials.innovation@aff.gov.au).

**Background**

- A key outcome from the department's EUDR policy sprint was supporting the AgTrace EUDR pilot to test technical solutions to meet the EUDR requirements.
- The pilot, running from June to November 2024, is an extension of a Data enabled traceability proof of concept grant run by Food Agility CRC. The grant variation was approved by s 22(1)(a)(ii) on 27 June 2024.
- The pilot aims to test sharing a deforestation free credential (and associated geolocation data) for beef, and skins and hides, to clarify expectations around due diligence requirements with EU importers. It will provide a real-life test case for proving product claims using the technology protocol (AATP) previously developed under the grant.

- Industry partners include Teys (beef), and Al Topper and Casino Hide Tanners (skins and hides) and will test exported product with relevant EU importers (operators) in the Netherlands and Italy.
  - The pilot outcomes will be shared across industry and technology developed as open source to ensure industry partners are not provided an unfair market advantage through participation in the pilot.
  - The pilot aims to streamline data sharing and support data-enabled traceability to prove product claims. It will be permission-based, providing producers an opt in solution and allowing them to choose what data they share to prove their product claims and capture value added benefits.
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For organizers: [Meeting options](#)

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**From:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Sent:** Thursday, 7 November 2024 10:22 AM  
**To:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting request and invitation - AgTrace EUDR pilot showcase

Also thank you so much for your incredible support and engagement!!

Cheers

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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**From:** Credentials and Digital Innovation <credentials.innovation@aff.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 7 November 2024 10:17 AM  
**To:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Cc:** s 22(1)(a)(ii) @aff.gov.au; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @aff.gov.au; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @aff.gov.au; Credentials and Digital Innovation <credentials.innovation@aff.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Meeting request and invitation - AgTrace EUDR pilot showcase

OFFICIAL

Good morning,

**RE: MEETING REQUEST AND INVITATION – AGTRACE EUDR PILOT SHOWCASE**

Thank you for your participation in the AgTrace EUDR pilot to date.

As a pilot partner, the Credentials and Digital Innovation (CDI) team would like to:

- set up a time to meet with you to discuss your experience with the pilot, and
- request your attendance at the pilot showcase in Canberra.

**Meeting request**

We would like to set up a meeting with you in the coming weeks to discuss the pilot and its projected outcomes.

You will receive a meeting invite in the coming days. Please let us know if there are any issues or if the date/time is not suitable.

**AgTrace EUDR pilot showcase**

To mark the completion of the AgTrace EUDR pilot, Food Agility and project partners are asked to provide a showcase to the department.

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Please refer any questions in relation to the meeting request or the showcase to [credentials.innovation@aff.gov.au](mailto:credentials.innovation@aff.gov.au).

Kind regards,

Credentials and Digital Innovation | Agricultural Traceability Branch

Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry  
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GPO Box 858 Canberra ACT 2601 Australia



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**Subject:** AgTrace EUDR pilot - industry partner catch up  
**Location:** Microsoft Teams Meeting

**Start:** Thu 21/11/2024 11:30 AM  
**End:** Thu 21/11/2024 12:00 PM  
**Show Time As:** Tentative

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Meeting Status:** Not yet responded

**Organizer:** Credentials and Digital Innovation  
**Required Attendees:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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**Sent:** Thursday, 7 November 2024 10:17 AM  
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**Cc:** **s 22(1)(a)(ii)** ; Credentials and Digital Innovation  
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**Subject:** FW: Re; Touching base [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]

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**UNOFFICIAL****From:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)**Sent:** Tuesday, 26 November 2024 5:56 PM**To:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)[@aff.gov.au](mailto:@aff.gov.au)>**Subject:** Re: Re; Touching base [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]

Thank you both very much. s 22(1)(a)(ii) - do you have any research papers that you can send on deforestation in Australia please?

On Tue, 26 Nov 2024 at 16:43, s 22(1)(a)(ii) wrote:

Thanks so much s 22(1)(a)(ii), that's great news.  
I'll pull some dates together and we'll come back to you.

Thanks again, s 22(1)(a)(ii)

On Tue, 26 Nov 2024 at 12:33, s 22(1)(a)(ii) [@aff.gov.au](mailto:@aff.gov.au) wrote:

**UNOFFICIAL**

Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

It was great to catch up with you and to meet s 22(1)(a)(ii) last week.

I can certainly arrange a presentation to your larger team on EUDR over the next couple of weeks.

If you want to send thru some possible times that suit the team and we can work from there.

Cheers

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Assistant Secretary

International Organisations & Negotiations Branch

Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry



Phone: s 22(1)(a)(ii)



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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Sent: Sunday, 24 November 2024 6:17 PM

To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) [@aff.gov.au](mailto:s 22(1)(a)(ii)@aff.gov.au)>

Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Subject: Re: Re; Touching base [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]

Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thanks again for your time on Friday, it was extremely helpful to learn more about the EU DR and its significance domestically.

As discussed, we'd value the opportunity for our broader team to hear from you in the same vein. If possible, setting something up in the next couple of weeks before the year wraps up would be great?

Thanks again for your time and look forward to chatting soon.

Cheers, s 22(1)(a)(ii)

On Wed, 20 Nov 2024 at 16:40, s 22(1)(a)(ii) wrote:

Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii), Friday works brilliantly, thank you.  
I'll be at your offices for 11am.

And I can dial s 22(1)(a)(ii) in on my laptop if that's ok?  
Thanks again, s 22(1)(a)(ii)

On Wed, 20 Nov 2024 at 16:25, s 22(1)(a)(ii) @aff.gov.au> wrote:

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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Tomorrow won't work for me but how about 11.00 am on Friday this week?

If you can come to Agriculture House in Mort St and we can do a Teams call with s 22(1)(a)(ii).

Otherwise I could probably do 11 or 11.30 am next Monday.

Cheers

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Assistant Secretary

International Organisations & Negotiations Branch

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Sent: Monday, 18 November 2024 9:12 AM

To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @aff.gov.au>  
Subject: Re; Touching base

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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Great to touch base last week and apologies for not emailing sooner.

As mentioned, I was hoping to catch up, along with my colleague s 22(1)(a)(ii) , to learn more about the EU deforestation position and what it means for sectors here in Australia.

I know it's a busy sitting week! But if you have any availability this Thursday (between 10-12) or Friday morning, I could meet up with you, and s 22(1)(a)(ii) could dial in?

If those times don't work, just let me know.

Look forward to catching up, s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Regards,

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**Subject:** FW: FW: WW + DAFF: Deforestation

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**End:** Wed 18/12/2024 3:00 PM  
**Show Time As:** Tentative

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Meeting Status:** Not yet responded

**Organizer:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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**From:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Sent:** Friday, 6 December 2024 1:00 PM  
**To:** s 22(1)(a)(ii) ; Government Relations & Industry Affairs  
**Subject:** WW + DAFF: Deforestation  
**When:** Wednesday, 18 December 2024 2:00 PM-3:00 PM Australia/Sydney.  
**Where:**

Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii), we are all good for the 18th December - thank you!  
Sharing with you a calender invite which includes the link to the meeting.  
Let me know if you have any issues with this.  
Many thanks, s 22(1)(a)(ii)

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Date:** Fri, 6 Dec 2024 at 08:56  
**Subject:** Invitation: WW + DAFF: Deforestation @ Wed 18 Dec 2024 2pm - 3pm (AEDT) (s 22(1)(a)(ii))  
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**To:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Wednesday 18 Dec 2024 · 2pm – 3pm (Eastern Australia Time - Sydney)

**Guests**

s 22(1)(a)(ii) - organiser

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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**From:** Credentials and Digital Innovation  
**Sent:** Monday, 16 December 2024 4:46 PM  
**To:** Credentials and Digital Innovation  
**Subject:** AgTrace European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) pilot showcase recording

Good afternoon,

Thank you for your attendance at the AgTrace European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) pilot showcase on Thursday 5 December. The showcase was a great success, and we appreciate your engagement throughout.

If you were unable to attend or would like to view the recording, please see the following link:

s. 47E(d)

If you would like further information about the AgTrace grant or the EUDR, please see the following webpages:

DAFF webpage: [Agricultural Traceability Projects - DAFF](#)

EUDR information: [European Union Deforestation Regulation - DAFF](#)

AgTrace homepage: [Homepage - AgTrace Australia](#)

For any questions, please contact [credentials.innovation@aff.gov.au](mailto:credentials.innovation@aff.gov.au).

Kind regards,

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**Location:** ACT CQ2 10.004 (VC Unit Type 1 No IPTV)

**Start:** Wed 18/12/2024 2:00 PM  
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Hi everyone,

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**From:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Sent:** Monday, 24 February 2025 12:42 PM  
**To:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Cc:** s 22(1)(a)(ii) (DFAT); s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Follow Up on Deforestation Discussion [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi <sup>s 22(1)(a)(ii)</sup>

Thank you for sharing those. Hope you have a wonderful week off.

We can do Monday 3 March at suggested time. We use Google hangout, not sure if you can access that or are limited to Teams. If so, are you able to share a calendar invite?

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

On Fri, 21 Feb 2025 at 20:43, s 22(1)(a)(ii) [@dfat.gov.au](mailto:@dfat.gov.au) wrote:

**OFFICIAL**

Hi <sup>s 22(1)(a)(ii)</sup>

No worries at all, and absolutely.

I am on leave next week, but would any of the following times suit?

- Monday 3 March – 8:30am Brussels/6:30pm AEST
- Thursday 6 March – anytime from 5pm onwards in Australia (7am onwards our time)
- Friday 7 March – anytime from 5:30pm onwards in Australia

If not, happy to look at later dates.

<sup>s 22(1)(a)(ii)</sup>  
Best,

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**From:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Sent:** Thursday, 20 February 2025 11:38 PM

To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>  
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>  
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Follow Up on Deforestation Discussion [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

So sorry this email somehow got lost in my inbox!

Do you have availability in the coming weeks?

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

On Sat, 1 Feb 2025 at 00:41, s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au> wrote:

**OFFICIAL**

Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Apologies for the delay in responding following the Minister's visit, but I'm touching base re your earlier request.

Unfortunately s 22(1)(a)(ii) is travelling for the next two weeks, but s 22(1)(a)(ii) and I, who have been working on this issue in Brussels for the last two years, would be happy to catch-up on all things EU Deforestation Regulation.

We could meet at either 8am Brussels time/6pm AEDST Thursday 6 or Friday 7 February, or from 7am onwards Brussels time/5pm AEDST any morning the week commencing 10 February.

Please let me know what suits you and I'll send through an MS Teams invite.

Best,



s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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**From:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)

**Sent:** Thursday, 16 January 2025 7:11 AM

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**Cc:** s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[@dfat.gov.au](mailto:@dfat.gov.au)>

**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Follow Up on Deforestation Discussion [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Thanks for the quick reply <sup>s 22(1)(a)(ii)</sup>. Good luck with the minister. Look forward to speaking to you both soon.

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On Thu, 16 Jan 2025 at 5:10 pm, s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au> wrote:

**OFFICIAL**

Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Yes we would be very pleased to catchup with you.

We are currently travelling with the Minister who is in Europe this week, but I will check with s 22(1)(a)(ii) which dates will work best and come back with some options.

Best regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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**From:** "s 22(1)(a)(ii)" s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Date:** Thursday, 16 January 2025 at 06:22:49

To: "s 22(1)(a)(ii) " <s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Follow Up on Deforestation Discussion

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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

It was a pleasure meeting you at our meeting with the Department last year. Your insights on the current situation were very valuable.

I'm reaching out to see if you might have some time in the coming weeks for a brief follow-up conversation about deforestation. I'd be interested in hearing more about the wider operating environment and asking you a few questions that have come up since our last discussion.

Many thanks

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**Archived:** Wednesday, 26 March 2025 10:43:17 AM

**From:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)

**Sent:** Thursday, 20 February 2025 8:44:50 AM

**To:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)

**Cc:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)

**Subject:** Calendar invite for EUDR pilot industry briefing

**Importance:** Normal

**Sensitivity:** None

**Attachments:**

; Invitation to attend AgTrace European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) pilot industry briefing and workshop.msg

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Hey <sup>s 22(1)(a)</sup>,

Please see the below proposed meeting invite to be sent to the invitees of the EUDR pilot industry briefing. Given <sup>s 22(1)(a)(ii)</sup> approved the original email (attached), I don't think we need to run this one past him. However, happy to take your advice.

Cheers,

<sup>s 22(1)(a)(ii)</sup>

Good morning all,

As per our earlier email (see attached), Food Agility CRC will be hosting an in-person industry briefing and workshop session based on the findings of their AgTrace EUDR pilot; with Integrity Systems Company (ISC) also in attendance to showcase the work of their newly developed Livestock Production Assurance (LPA) module.

The session will include a run-through of the pilot's objectives, learnings and outcomes, with discussions to be held around the next steps and requirements for industry to meet the EUDR.

The event will be held in Canberra at the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) office. Please be aware of the two-person limit for invitees per organisation.

Please see high level event details below. More information, including an agenda, will be made available closer to the event.

The details for the event are:

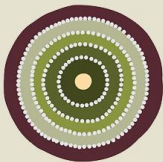
Date	18 March 2025
Time	10.00am – 4.00pm
Location	Level 12 – The Hub  Dept Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries building  Canberra  70 Northborne Ave, Canberra 2601, Australia

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**From:** s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 4 March 2025 12:56 AM  
**To:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Cc:** s 22(1)(a)(ii) (DFAT); s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Subject:** EUDR follow up items [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Attachments:** Background information on the state of Australia's forests\_.docx

**OFFICIAL**

Hi again s 22(1)(a)(ii) and s 22(1)(a)(ii)

It was lovely to catch up with you this morning.

As promised, below you will find the table of contents from Australia's country submission (shared in confidence).

In addition, I have attached some of the more general language on Australia's forests that was included in the submission. This may be useful, and it is pulled together from various publicly available online sources. However, there may be some more up-to-date datasets since time of writing. For example, you can find more recent graphs here [Australia's State of the Forests Report: Synthesis 2023 - DAFF](#).

Lastly, as discussed, here you can find the global forest map created by the EU [EU Forest Observatory](#)

It may be useful to catch up again in a few months.

Kind Regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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### Background information on Australia's forest preservation

Australia's forest coverage is extensive and increasing in size, with the vast majority native forest. By area, 70 per cent of Australia is arid and does not support forest growth. Australian forests extend over 134 million hectares, covering 17 per cent of Australia's land area. Australia has approximately 3 per cent of the world's forests, and globally is the country with the seventh largest forest area. Native forest is the most extensive category of Australia's forests, covering 132 million hectares. Around 2 million hectares are plantations comprising approximately equally areas of native and non-native species, and 0.5 million hectares are other forest comprising both native and non-native species. Most native forests (91 million hectares) are woodland forests, which have a canopy cover between 20 and 50 per cent.

Queensland has the largest area of forest (39% of Australia's forest), with the Northern Territory (18%), Western Australia (16%), and New South Wales (15%), making up much of the balance. Australia's forest area has increased progressively since 2008. The net increase over the period was 3.9 million hectares. The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) ranked Australia second in the world (table below) for average annual net gain in forest area, increasing by an average of 446 000 hectares per year between 2010 and 2020. The FAO also ranked Australia in the top ten countries for area of forests legally protected.

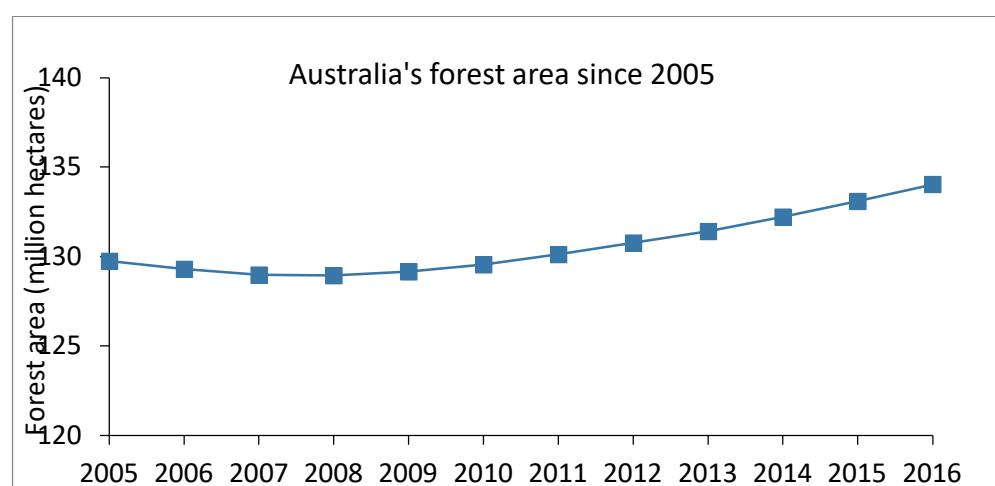
**TABLE 8. Top ten countries for average annual net gain in forest area, 2010–2020**

Ranking	Country	Annual net change	
		1 000 ha/yr	%
1	China	1 937	0.93
2	Australia	446	0.34
3	India	266	0.38
4	Chile	149	0.85
5	Viet Nam	126	0.90
6	Turkey	114	0.53
7	United States of America	108	0.03
8	France	83	0.50
9	Italy	54	0.58
10	Romania	41	0.62

*Note: The rate of change (%) is calculated as the compound annual change rate.*

Australia's forest coverage continues to expand due to:

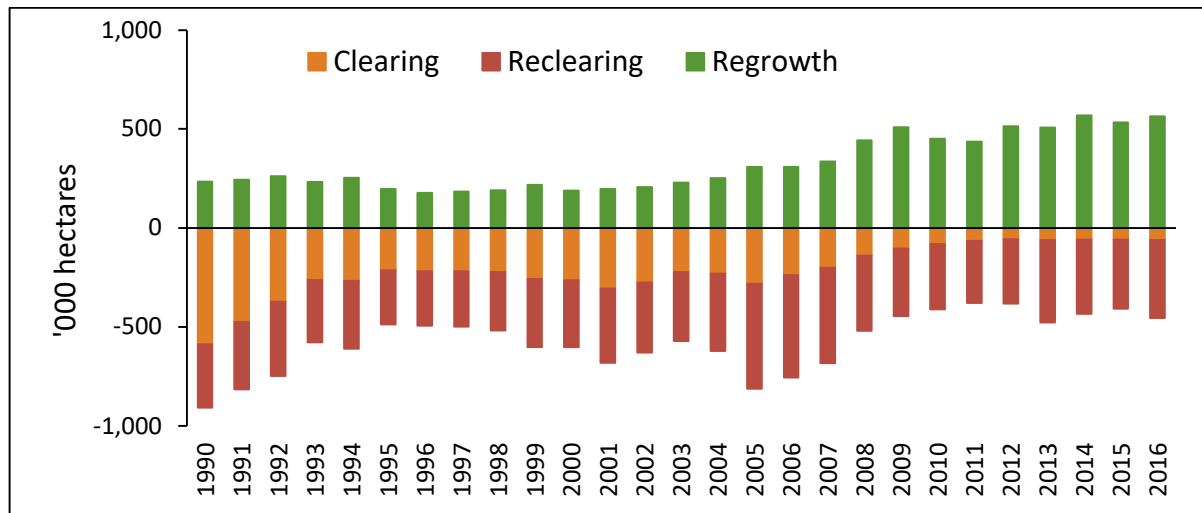
- regrowth on areas previously cleared for agricultural use
- expansion into areas not recently containing forests
- environmental plantings.



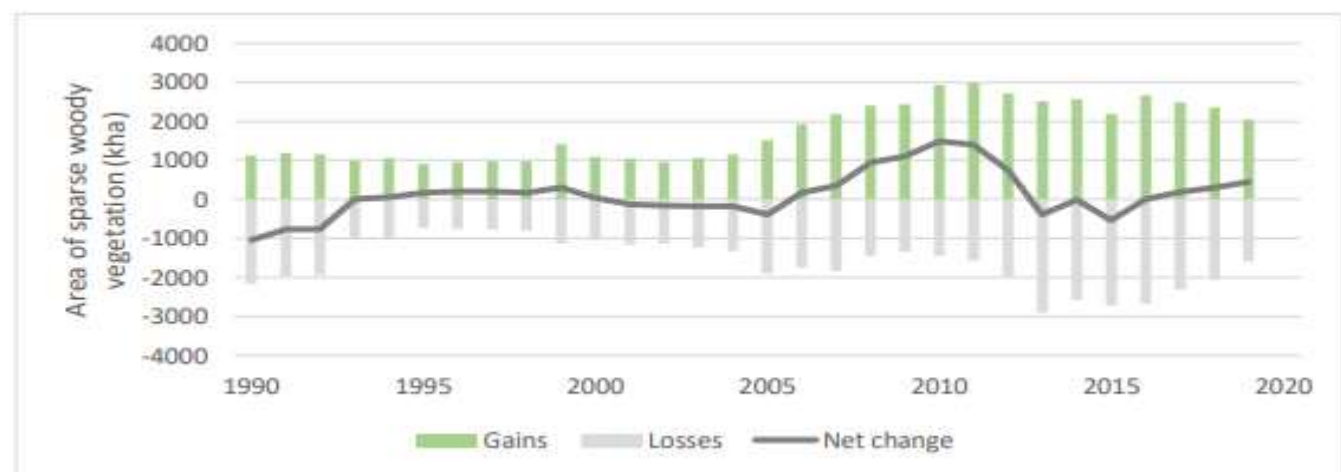
## Change in forest status

The annual area of first-time clearing of forests has decreased markedly over time, with record low rates of forest conversion - in the period 2011-16 it had reduced to an average 60 000 hectares per year (0.04% of Australia's forests). In addition to forest loss from first-time clearing, forest is also lost when regrowth forest is re-cleared. However, the area of forest regrowth after clearing or re-clearing has exceeded the area of forest loss by clearing and re-clearing in Australia in every year since 2009.

### Annual areas of primary forest cleared, regrown and recleared



In Australia, periodic minimal clearance of sparse woody vegetation, on land that had previously been cleared, also occurs. Most often it is the pushing or pulling of fodder trees and shrubs, such as mulga (*Acacia aneura*), for stock feed in arid and semi-arid regions. The trees are then permitted to regenerate. The [Australian Beef Sustainability Framework](#) tracks changes in vegetation types associated with beef or feed production.



Australia has a robust and comprehensive range of legislation that supports the protection and sustainable use of our forests and the environment, as well as labour and indigenous land rights, with strong compliance and enforcement related activities to further ensure adherence.

### Illegal Logging Prohibition framework

Australia's *Illegal Logging Prohibition Act 2012* makes it a criminal offence to:

- import illegally logged timber into Australia
- process an Australian-grown log that has been illegally harvested.

Under Australian law, illegal logging means ‘the harvesting of timber in contravention of the laws of the country where the timber is harvested’. This includes a wide range of illegal activities, such as:

- logging of protected species
- logging in protected areas
- logging with fake or illegal permits
- using illegal harvest methods.

In developing Australia’s illegal logging laws, the Australian Government considered the emerging European Union Timber Regulation (EUTR) framework, with a view to making our two systems as consistent and complementary as possible. As a result, many of our laws’ key concepts, obligations, and approaches mirror the EUTR and *Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT)* requirements:

- due diligence arrangements which require the importer/buyer to obtain essential information about the timber to ensure it has not been harvested illegally
- certification schemes that provide consumers with an assurance the wood product they are purchasing comes from a sustainably managed and certified forest
- penalties for non-compliance, including fines and imprisonment, and routine audits and intelligence-based checks.

Regional Forest Agreements (RFAs) are long-term legislated agreements between state and Commonwealth governments for the sustainable management and conservation of Australia’s native and plantation forests. There are ten RFAs in four states covering commercial forestry regions – five in Victoria, three in New South Wales and one each in Western Australia and Tasmania.

The RFAs seek to balance economic, social and environmental demands on forests by setting obligations and commitments for forest management that deliver:

- ecologically sustainable forest management – ensuring forests are appropriately managed and regenerated
- an expanded and permanent forest conservation estate – to provide for the protection of Australia’s unique forest biodiversity
- certainty of resource access and supply to industry – building investment confidence.

The RFAs are the result of scientific study, consultation and negotiation covering a diverse range of interests. The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry [website](#) contains many historical documents that show the detailed scientific, economic and social processes that underpinned the development of each RFA. RFAs provide for the protection of threatened species through maintaining and growing a Comprehensive Adequate and Representative reserve system and prescriptions in forestry practice codes.

State governments have day-to-day forest management responsibility, which includes legislation, forest management plans, codes of practice, compliance and enforcement, measurement and reporting, and management activities for public forests and reserves. These systems place limits on proportions of land that can be cleared. These arrangements undergo periodic review, such as the 2018 reform by the Queensland government of its land clearing legislation, which strengthened vegetation protection. Where nationally significant species and ecological communities may be threatened by land clearing, the Commonwealth has powers to intervene, assess and prohibit the activity occurring, under the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act).

### **State vegetation management legislation**

Individual state and territory governments have implemented their own legislative frameworks governing vegetation management, in accordance with their individual circumstances and land management practices. While dedicated vegetation management legislation emerged in some states in the 1990s, land management activities are also regulated by more general land planning legislation introduced prior to, or around, 1990. These legislative frameworks introduce a range of administrative, compliance and monitoring processes on vegetation management. These include the need to demonstrate compliance with regional ecosystem plans established under legislation, individually negotiated property management plans or additional approval processes/permit processes for clearing.

## Environmental protection legislation

The EPBC Act is Australia's main environmental law at the national level. It gives Australia a legal framework to protect and manage unique plants, animals, habitats and places - 'protected matters'. If a business or individual wants to take action on an area that the EPBC Act covers then an assessment is required to be completed by the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.

Forestry activities conducted in accordance with Regional Forest Agreements are exempt from Part 3 of the EPBC Act – the requirement for additional assessment and approvals. This is in recognition of the fact that Comprehensive Regional Assessments of protected matters were undertaken prior to entry into the RFAs, and in recognition that state forest management systems provided for under RFAs are intended to deliver equivalent levels of protection for forest values and have been accredited by the Commonwealth for this purpose.

Australia is a party to the *Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora* (CITES), an international agreement between governments that aims to ensure that the international trade in wildlife does not threaten wild populations of plants and animals. Australia registers a list of CITES Species under the EPBC Act. Under the Act, Australia has adopted a range of domestic measures that impose additional requirements and, in some cases, further restrict trade in CITES listed species. CITES regulates the international trade of close to 800 tree species. The Convention contributes to the long-term conservation and sustainable use of the world's forest resources through its species-specific focus.

### Climate related schemes that avoid deforestation and/or support reforestation

#### i. Carbon crediting scheme

Australia's carbon crediting scheme offers landholders, communities and businesses the opportunity to run projects in Australia that avoid the release of greenhouse gas emissions or remove and sequester carbon from the atmosphere. The scheme has been operating for more than a decade. It is enacted through the *Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) Act 2011* and the Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) Rule 2015. Participants can earn Australian carbon credit units (ACCUs). Each ACCU represents one tonne of carbon dioxide equivalent emissions stored or avoided by a project. ACCUs can be sold to the Australian Government or other buyers.

Activities eligible to generate ACCUs include protecting native forests that would otherwise be cleared for agriculture; regenerating native forests on land where forest cover has been cleared or suppressed by other means; establishing biodiverse forests on non-forest land; and plantation forestry activities including establishing new plantations and retaining forests where plantations are at risk of not being replanted after harvesting. Between 2012 and 2022, more than 68 million ACCUs were issued for forest projects, mainly for protecting or regenerating native forests on grazing land.

#### ii. Nature repair market

The Australian Government is developing a nature repair market to encourage investment in biodiversity and drive environmental improvements across Australia. The market will reward landholders who protect, manage or restore local habitat. All types of landholders can participate in the market, including First Nations peoples, conservation groups, and the agriculture sector. Eligible participants will receive biodiversity certificates which can then be sold to other parties.

The scheme will cover a broad range of nature improvement types. Projects can be undertaken to enhance or protect existing habitat, or to restore or establish new habitat. This may include activities that promote reforestation or protect existing forests that would otherwise be cleared. There will also be opportunities for projects that support both carbon sequestration and biodiversity outcomes as the market will operate in parallel with the carbon markets. Legislation to support the nature repair market is currently being considered by the Australian Parliament.

#### iii. Harvesting

We sustainably manage our native forests (0.06% is harvested annually, followed by regeneration) and the almost 2 million hectares of plantation forests nestled in key regions of our nation. As at 2018-19, 87% of all wood harvested

in Australia comes from plantations. This complements the native forestry estate, which provides structural hardwood for bridges, wharves and power poles, and appearance grade flooring, decking and joinery timber, currently largely unobtainable from plantations. There has been a long-term trend towards plantations as a source of timber in Australia. In 1996-97 softwood plantation harvest first exceeded native forest harvest in volume, and in 2011-12 hardwood plantation harvest first exceeded native forest harvest.

More than 75% of Australia's plantation forests are owned by the private sector. The vast majority of these are replanted after harvest. Australia's plantation estate currently occupies 0.25% of Australia's land area. 70 million trees are planted every year to replace those harvested in Australia's plantations. The larger existing plantations are nestled in key plantation regions such as Tumut and Oberon in New South Wales; Gippsland and Colac in Victoria; Mt Gambier in South Australia; Maryborough in Queensland; Bunbury in Western Australia; and northern and southern Tasmania.

The Australian Government is supporting our sustainable forestry industry in its efforts to meet the rapidly increasing demand for timber both domestically and abroad, including through supporting plantation establishment, research, development and innovation, workforce training, product innovation and the upgrading of wood processing facilities.

#### iv. Certification

##### Certification bodies

In Australia, two major global forest certification bodies are active, the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) schemes and the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC). Both the PEFC and FSC are internationally recognised forest certification networks that provide recognition of regional and national standards that meet their criteria for sustainable forest management. Australia is a member of the PEFC. Three-quarters (75%) of all certified forests globally are certified by PEFC. PEFC chain of custody certification tracks forest-based products from sustainable sources to the final product. It demonstrates that each step of the supply chain is closely monitored through independent auditing to ensure that unsustainable sources are excluded. PEFC certification is a standard of choice for public timber procurement policies in for example, the United Kingdom, Germany, and Japan, in addition to numerous private timber procurement policies. PEFC certification also demonstrates compliance with legislative requirements, including the EU Timber Regulation (EUTR), the U.S. Lacey Act, and the Australian Illegal Logging Prohibition Regulation.

The national certification organisation accredited is Responsible Wood. With 19.2 million hectares of Australian forests certified under the Responsible Wood scheme, Responsible Wood certification covers more than 90% of Australia's commercial forests. The Responsible Wood Certification Scheme is underpinned by two Australian Standards® – Sustainable Forest Management (AS 4708) and Chain of Custody for Forest Products (AS 4707). The Responsible Wood certification assurance system consists of three elements, standard setting, conformity assessment and accreditation, which are strictly separated and independent from each other. In short: it develops, through multi-stakeholder working groups, the standards that a Responsible Wood certificate holder has to meet, the certification body audits the certificate holder and grants the Responsible Wood certificate, and the accreditation body checks the certification body.

##### The Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)

The Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) is an international, non-governmental organisation dedicated to promoting responsible management of the world's forests. FSC's certification system, which now covers more than 200 million hectares of forest, enables businesses and consumers to choose wood, paper and other forest products made with materials that support responsible forestry. FSC certification in Australia is administered by FSC Australia. FSC certifies 1.2 million hectares of Australian forest.

FSC Australia's National Risk Assessment assess risks associated with undesirable forestry activities on non-FSC certified lands, including illegal harvest, forest management that violates workers or Indigenous Peoples' rights or threatens High Conservation Values, conversion of forest to non-forest uses, and use of genetically modified trees. The FSC Australia National Risk Assessment identifies measures for how companies can mitigate these risks.

FSC chain of custody certification verifies that FSC-certified material has been identified and separated from ineligible and unacceptable material as it makes its way along the supply chain from the forest to the market. It covers a variety

of situations and entities, ensuring that many organisations can demonstrate their commitment to FSC's requirements. This means that not only single organisations can be certified, but so can groups of independent organisations and organisations with multiple sites. There is an option for certification of individual projects rather than organisations.

The material used in the FSC chain can come from a variety of sources. While the overwhelming majority comes from FSC-certified forests, the FSC chain of custody requirements also allow the introduction of reclaimed material that would otherwise go to waste, and material that has been assessed as a low risk of coming from unacceptable sources. Wood and wood-based products sourced from certified forests can also be tracked (via labelling) through the supply chain using chain-of-custody certification provided by both forest certification schemes. This provides consumers with an assurance that the wood product they are purchasing comes from a sustainably managed and certified forest.

### The Forest Stewardship Standard

Coming into effect in 2018, FSC-STD-AUS-01-2018 EN *FSC Australia Forest Stewardship Standard* marked an important milestone for responsible forestry in Australia. This was the first time in Australia that economic, environmental and social stakeholders came together to define what responsible forestry looks like in Australia. Chamber-balanced standard development groups adapt the International Generic Indicators at the regional or national level to reflect the diverse legal, social and geographical conditions of forests in different parts of the world. The resulting adjustment is incorporated into a National Forest Stewardship Standard.

### **Supply chain and traceability**

The federal government is responsible for Australia's export framework and overarching matters of national environmental significance. The federal government has produced a 'State-Specific Guideline' for each jurisdiction. These guidelines detail the relevant laws governing timber harvesting and the associated documentation that can be obtained to verify that timber from the jurisdiction has been legally harvested.

For certain timber exports from Australia, the exporter must also hold an export licence issued by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry. This applies to timber harvested outside of key production regions and provides further legality assurances. The Australian Government is also looking to support the expansion of reference databases of key Australian timber species to further support the verification of legally harvested product through supply chains.

### **Commitments**

Australia is also active in many regional forest forums such as the UN FAO Asia-Pacific Forestry Commission, the APEC Experts Group on Illegal Logging and Associated Trade (EGILAT) and The Montreal Process Working Group on Criteria and Indicators for the Conservation and Sustainable Management of Temperate and Boreal Forests. Australia is a signatory to the Glasgow Leaders' Declaration on Forests and Land Use and the Forests and Climate Leaders' Partnership, committed to halting and reversing forest loss and land degradation. Australia is a party to the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity, and signed the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, with its commitment to the effective conservation and management of at least 30 per cent of the world's land, coastal areas and oceans by 2030.

Australia supports implementation of the *UN Strategic Plan for Forests (UNSPF)* 2030 and its six global forest goals (GFGs). The UNSPF provides a global framework for action at all levels to sustainably manage all types of forests and trees outside forests, and to halt deforestation and forest degradation. Australia submitted its Voluntary National Contribution to the UN GFGs in 2019, setting out its contribution in supporting the achievement of the GFGs and building on Australia's long-standing commitment to the delivery of sustainable forest management.

Australia developed a 'framework' for assessing the sustainability of forest management which could be applied across all Australian forests. This was achieved through the national-level Montreal Process Implementation Group for Australia, which devised the 44 indicators used to track progress across the criteria. Australia reports on its progress towards sustainable forest management as measured using the Montreal Process criteria and indicators through the five-yearly release of the [State of the Forests Report](#).



**s 22(1)(a)(ii)**

**Subject:** European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) industry briefing and workshop  
**Location:** 70 Northborne Ave, Canberra 2601, Australia

**Start:** Tue 18/03/2025 12:00 PM  
**End:** Tue 18/03/2025 4:00 PM  
**Show Time As:** Tentative

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Meeting Status:** Not yet responded

**Organizer:** Credentials and Digital Innovation  
**Required Attendees:** **s 22(1)(a)(ii)**

**Optional Attendees:** **s 22(1)(a)(ii)**

Good afternoon all,

DAFF would like to invite you to attend an in-person, European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) industry briefing and workshop.

Food Agility Cooperative Research Centre and Integrity Systems Company (ISC) will be presenting on their findings from the AgTrace EUDR pilot and newly developed Livestock Production Assurance (LPA) module respectively. Discussions will also be held around the lessons learnt and next steps.

The event will be held in Canberra at the DAFF office. Please be aware of the two-person limit for invitees per organisation.

Event details below. More information, including an agenda, will be made available closer to the event.

Date	18 March 2025
Time	Arrive – 12:00pm to start at 12:30pm Formal meeting to conclude at 4:00pm
Location	CQ2 – Ground floor. Room G.006 Dept Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries building 70 Northborne Ave, Canberra 2601, Australia

**s 22(1)(a)(ii)**

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**Subject:** Canceled: DAFF European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) industry briefing and workshop

**Location:** DAFF Ground Floor: 70 Northbourne Avenue, Canberra ACT 2601

**Start:** Tue 18/03/2025 10:30 AM

**End:** Tue 18/03/2025 3:30 PM

**Show Time As:** Free

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Organizer:** **s 22(1)(a)(ii)**

**Importance:** High

Hi all,

I am sending out a placeholder on behalf of DAFF to ensure this event is put into people's diaries. A formal invitation from DAFF will follow with an agenda.

This event will be hosted by DAFF with both Food Agility and ISC presenting.

Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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**Subject:** EUDR industry briefing confirmation of attendance and dietary requirements

**Importance:** Normal

**Sensitivity:** None

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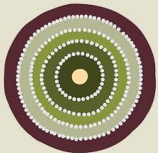
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**Cc:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)

**Subject:** RE: EUDR industry briefing confirmation of attendance and dietary requirements

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I will be attending. No specific dietary requirements.

Regards

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**Cc:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Subject:** RE: EUDR industry briefing confirmation of attendance and dietary requirements

Hi <sup>s 22(1)(a)(ii)</sup>,

Thanks for your email. Unfortunately this will be an in-person only event.

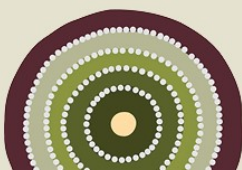
It would be great to have someone from JBS attend the briefing.

s 22(1)(a)(ii), I saw that you had accepted the meeting invite, could I clarify if you are able to attend?

Cheers,  
<sup>s 22(1)(a)(ii)</sup>

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Hi, I am unlikely to attend as I did not realise it was in person.

I am asking around the business if anyone can travel.

In the meantime, could this also be held online so that I could participate in this important briefing?

Thanks

<sup>s 22(1)(a)(ii)</sup>

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**Cc:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)

**Subject:** Agenda and initial questions

**Importance:** Normal

**Sensitivity:** None

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Hey <sup>s 22(1)(a)</sup>,

Something that we spoke about after you left the meeting with ISC and Food Agility earlier was sending out the agenda for the event. I was just going to attach it to the meeting invite, however, <sup>s 22(1)(a)(ii)</sup> suggested that we send it as an email as well and invite people to respond with any early questions that we can respond to on the day. As such, see email below. Let me know if any issues and I'll look to send it out Monday morning.

Cheers,

<sup>s 22(1)(a)(ii)</sup>

Good morning/afternoon,

Ahead of the upcoming EUDR industry briefing scheduled for 18 March, please see the event agenda below.

If you have any initial questions based on the agenda that you would like to see answered on the day, please let us know via return email. This will help us to make sure they are adequately covered off at the event.

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Time	Speaker	Topic
12.00 - 12.30 pm	Lunch	
12.30 - 12.45 pm	s 22(1)(a)(ii)	Opening and introductions (15 mins)
12.45 - 1.30 pm	s 22(1)(a)(ii)	ISC NLIS Initiative- Progress (35 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Industry walk through of LPA Geolocation MVP Feature / Sharing geolocations tool</li> <li>• Demonstration of technical solution</li> </ul> Q&A (10 mins)
1.30 - 2.15 pm	s 22(1)(a)(ii) (on behalf of AgTrace team)	AgTrace EUDR Experiment Key features of the experiment (5 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The consignment journey (15 mins)</li> <li>• The assessment journey (15 mins)</li> </ul> Q&A (10 mins)
2.15 - 2.35 pm	Industry representatives	Industry participant reflections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teys (meat) (10 mins)</li> <li>• AI Topper (skins and hides) (10 mins)</li> </ul>
2.35 - 3.00 pm	s 22(1)(a)(ii)	Review/Discussion of ISC and AgTrace learnings/recommendations (25 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AgTrace learnings</li> <li>• ISC learnings</li> </ul>
3.00 - 3.50 pm	Moderator(s): s 22(1)(a)(ii) (s 22(1)(a)(ii) Mural scribe)	Set parameters for supporting industry/pathways forward (50 mins) Possible Discussion points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Market signals (new pilots lining up, extra features/functionality requested)</li> <li>• Trust vs information (protecting rights of producers and addressing risk of importers)</li> <li>• The path forward- MVP (ISC), architecture for verifiable credentials, producer support (facilitating engagement)</li> <li>• Assurance (what to assure and what not to assure)- getting standards right</li> <li>• System governance</li> </ul> <i>(What do you think could work practically, and what is a potential future application?)</i> Framework for a national program that leans into market access requirements.)
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4.00 pm	-	Close

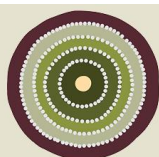
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To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Subject: EUDR industry briefing - Agenda and initial questions

Importance: Normal

Sensitivity: None

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Good afternoon,

Ahead of tomorrow's EUDR industry briefing, please see the event agenda below.

Food Agility Cooperative Research Centre and Integrity Systems Company (ISC) will be presenting on their findings from the AgTrace EUDR pilot and newly developed Livestock Production Assurance (LPA) module respectively. Discussions will also be held around the lessons learnt and next steps.

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**Subject:** EUDR industry session readout

Hi all,

Just wanted to pass along a quick readout from the EUDR industry session that Food Agility and the Credentials and Digital Innovation team held in CBR today which I attended. CDI will be preparing more detailed summary notes which I will share when they come through.

- We got an overview of the ISC work from s 22(1)(a)(ii). She did a walkthrough of the LPA geolocation minimum viable product (MVP). This is looking good but does not work for leather.
- Teys noted support for the LPA module – “cheapest compliance you’ll ever get is to run it through LPA”.
- Food Agility gave an overview of the EUDR pilot they ran with Teys, AI Topper and two imports (one in Italy, one in Denmark).
- They produced due diligence statements (DDS) and GeoJSON files for the EU importers and got very positive feedback. There is good trust in Australia and our data.
- Teys still had to do “heavy lifting” to get the data to match individual animals rather than PICs.
- AgTrace noted what they did was the minimum viable data requirements for producers.
- The Cibo labs verification of a PIC is \$350.
- The vast majority will be d-free, “just need the data to prove it”.
- Cattle Australia (s 22(1)(a)(ii)) was unhappy that the “gold level standard” was provided and reiterated CA’s position that we should do a MVP and nothing further.
- CA noted considerable concern that the regulation will be replicated (e.g. in the UK).
- CA want an opt-in LPA module to be the Aus. Gov. backed solution. Complained DAFF didn’t take it seriously as we didn’t have any SES present for the whole session.
- CA called for Aus Gov to be more “muscular” in pushing back on European non-tariff barriers like EUDR.
- Cibo labs presented on their d-free verification process and noted that producers are at the centre of the process and can choose what data/processes they want to use.
- s 22(1)(a)(ii) presented on the leather work. I’m sure you’re familiar with much of this, but she reiterated the rather serious plight for the skins/hides sector.
- There was general agreement that we don’t want to appear too far in front of the regulators and that we should do the least possible to comply.

Kind regards

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**Opening**

- Opening and house keeping
  - Supporting an approach to the EUDR that accounts for our local growing conditions to support trade as well as accounting for further guidance from the EU on the application of risk ratings as well as engagement with the WTO.
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**Integrity Systems Company (ISC) Presentation**

- Topics covered included the industry initiatives, a live demo of an account, and a Q&A session.
- Questions were raised about the ability to move a location attribute once created and the retrospective impact of removing geolocation sharing permissions
- Emphasis was placed on the need for clarity on farmers' rights in terms of data ownership and control

**Assessment Tool Discussion**

- Highlighting the need for clarity on permission and system locking along with additional costs.
- Discussions included the implications of existing regulatory requirements and the need for clear data standards policies that incentivise sharing while ensuring producers own their systems and data.

**Industry Concerns**

- Concerns were raised about the hides industry's access and the need for amended terms of use to reflect agreements between suppliers and the industry.
- Requests for additional agricultural output history and the need to show value back to the supply chain were mentioned, in some cases this did not exist.

**Market Access Requirements**

- The need to work through changing market access requirements and the importance of clear definitions for front-end systems were discussed.

**Livestock Production Assurance (LPA) Module and Re-accreditation**

- Suggestions were made to use the LPA module with a two-year review and self-assessment process, with confirmation that a re-accreditation process every two years could work well.

**Food Agility Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) Presentation**

- Early access for location identifiers was discussed, highlighting the challenge of not knowing relevant identifiers until scanned and the need for lifetime traceability.
- The risk of a trial that is not feasible in its implementation and the need for a system that works commercially while addressing concerns from grass-fed producers were discussed.
- Inquiries were made about who needs to provide the statutory declaration, with explanations provided about demonstrating adherence the state/territory law requirements.
- Emphasis was placed on the importance of good farm recordkeeping and the competitive advantage of our land management practices.
- The need for clear assessment processes and the role of producers in controlling data sharing were discussed.
- The cost of compliance was mentioned, with potential for scaled models based on risk levels.
- Discussions included the uncertainty for importers and the need to stay ahead of regulators, emphasising the importance of selling science-backed data to counter high-risk perceptions.
- The need for clear data standards and compliance processes that support the leather industry and push back against unnecessary data requirements were discussed.

**Final Comments**

- Discussion on the broader threat to agricultural systems of costly and complex systems.
- Need for a Minimum Viable Product that could effectively balance the compliance burden with demonstrating our positive and often existing agricultural practices.
- The importance of collaboration and offering producers choices was emphasised.
- The potential impact on the leather industry despite value to sustainable systems.

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**Closing Remarks**

- Key takeaways were summarised, emphasising the importance of keeping processes simple and ensuring robust data sharing and compliance mechanisms.
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