

9 July 2009

The Minister for Climate Change
NZ Government
WELLINGTON

Dear Sir,

SUBMISSION – CLIMATE CHANGE RESPONSE ACT 2002

AB Lime Ltd quarries and supplies agricultural lime to the farming sector in Southland and parts of Otago.

Agricultural lime appears to be included in the Kyoto Protocol.

AB Lime Ltd submits:-

1. The inclusion of Agricultural Lime in an emissions trading scheme (or any other scheme) will have a severe adverse effect on New Zealand's farming industry. Cost increases may be between 40 and 100%.
2. Agricultural Lime is a natural product that has been used for centuries and is essential for continued pasture fertility. The product is slow to react and takes approximately 3 years to fully break-down.
3. Agricultural lime provides a slow release of CO₂ in soils. The CO₂ released is essential to grasses and plants through the photosynthesis process and produces Oxygen. There are no studies that show how much, if any, of the CO₂ produced is released into the atmosphere. The Kyoto protocol does not make allowance for these facts.

We submit that Agricultural Lime should be excluded from New Zealand's climate legislation and seek further engagement on this issue.

Sincerely,



Chris Chisholm
Chairman
AB LIME LTD