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Review of the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme  
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## **RURAL WOMEN NEW ZEALAND (INC) SUBMISSION**

### **Review of the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme**

#### **Introduction**

Rural Women New Zealand (RWNZ) welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback to the Ministry for the Environment on the review of the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme (NZ ETS).

#### **Comments**

1. RWNZ considers the existing ETS framework not fit-for-purpose for incentivising the necessary behaviour changes required to reduce emissions. We do not consider 'planting our way out' as an appropriate response to be relied on.
2. We believe the framework should consider more than the income earning potential of people or companies planting trees.
3. The proposals risk penalising those who have been proactively working to reduce emissions if there is a higher price to pay for getting ahead of the deadline when reduction requirements are applied.
4. Of significant concern also is the potential loss of highly productive (for growing food) land, harm to biodiversity and damage to the natural environment on which rural communities are so reliant.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

## **About Rural Women New Zealand**

Rural Women New Zealand (RWNZ) is a not-for-profit, member-based organisation that reaches into all rural communities to provide a credible and respected voice on rural environment, health, education, technology, business and social issues.

RWNZ strives to ensure that all rural residents, workers and families have equitable access to services, inequalities are addressed by Government, and the wellbeing of rural communities is considered from the beginning of all policy and legislative development.

RWNZ is affiliated to the Associated Country Women of the World and as such upholds all United Nations, International Labor Organisation (ILO), Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and World Health Organisation (WHO) conventions and outcome statements as they relate to women and rural women in particular.

Nāku iti noa, nā

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