

The Biological Emissions Reference Group

BERG



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Overview

- Why the BERG exists?
- Objectives of the BERG
- Research questions asked by the BERG
- How we expect the results will be used
- Some results...

Objectives

- Build trust and confidence between the primary industries and government departments.
- Increase the understanding across industry, Government, and the public of the current and future sources and drivers of biological emissions and their mitigation potentials.
- Build an agreed and robust understanding of what can be done to reduce biological emissions, and what the costs and opportunities of doing so are.

Research

We have commissioned research in the following areas:

- Current and future mitigation potential
- Measuring emissions
- The possible economic and social implications of both land use change and on-farm mitigation
- Costs and barriers of hypothetical policy options
- What drives farmers' decision making in relation to climate change?

Next Steps

Inform future policy discussions

Already being used by recent reports and to inform government decisions

Expect reports to be published in 1-2 months

