

ALOA Activity Update – January 2012

Record of meeting with Hon Mark Dreyfus, Federal Parliament Secretary for Climate Change – Melbourne, January 24, 2012

Present at meeting:

- Hon Mark Dreyfus, Shayleen Thompson and Dugald Murray
- Colin Sweet, Daniel Fyfe and Max Spedding

The meeting was requested to discuss issues relating to the Clean Energy Bill and Carbon Farming Initiative.

1.1 Carbon Farming Initiative (Legacy Waste)

- Discussions related to the finalisation of guidelines for the legacy waste emission conversion methodology. The result of the meeting is that:
 - 1) Baselines will be calculated against ‘federal, state and territory’ law and a National view will not be taken.
 - 2) The government has not settled on an approach in respect to the conversion of the unsold NGAC’s to the CFI scheme.
- Now we know that individual ‘state’ law will be the basis of new CFI project baselines we can proceed with the registration of new project applications.
- It is interesting to note that the Victorian environmental regulations that limit cap emission to 100 parts per million are likely to mean no new Victorian landfill gas collection projects can be registered to receive CFI credits.

1.2 Carbon Price Mechanism

- ALOA has requested that the Department of Climate Change move quickly to prepare a ‘fact sheet’ in respect to the cost pass through. The recent Blog posted by Mike Ritchie and ALOA’s response was used to demonstrate the need for action on this issue.

This meeting concluded the DCCEE needs to take action to:

 - 1) Inform local government they need to look at their liability from July 1, 2012.
 - 2) Clarify the ‘carbon cost pass-through’ process.
- ALOA has offered to work with DCCEE on a new fact sheet.
- There is still no timetable (other than that it will be soon) for the release of Clean Energy Bill Regulations.
- DCCEE confirmed that composting operation emissions from operations co-located on a landfill will need to be reported. This will be further investigated as NGER ‘operational control’ provisions may separate the reporting.
- DCCEE have been asked to provide a five year moratorium should the CO₂e multiplier in the NGER modeling be changed in the future. This may be addressed in the next version of the NGER determination.

- At this time ALOA does not intend to prepare a 'cost-pass-through' guideline.

1.3 NGER Determination

- The revised NGER determination has been delayed due to legal office staffing constraints and should be released early February.

Record of meeting with representatives of the Department of Environment and Resource Management in Queensland – Brisbane, January 16, 2012

Present at meeting:

- Tamara O'Shea, Kylie Hughes and Shana Engelhart
- Max Spedding, Colm Molloy

- At this meeting it was agreed that ALOA's proposal to seek waste levy credits for electricity generation has merit but that the rebate will need to be credited as the gas is generated. This approach is viable and it was agreed that the NGER modeling should be the basis for calculating the credits.
- The next stage is to provide an estimate of the credit schedule and then DERM will prepare a scoping document to brief the Minister (and cabinet). The timing for the change is late 2012.
- A change of the state government (the election is now set for March 24) could scuttle this initiative.

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