



AUSTRALIA

Land Use, Land-Use Change and Forestry (LULUCF)

Text to be included in the **"Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair"** **(FCCC/KP/AWG/2009/L.3)**

Submission to the AWG-KP

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This submission outlines the additional proposals Australia wishes to see included in the further elaboration of the Annex to the "Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair" (FCCC/KP/AWG/2009/L.3) which will be compiled into a miscellaneous document for consideration at the eighth session of the AWG-KP. The proposals put forward in this submission are not intended as draft treaty or decision text but as a basis for further negotiation.

These proposals, put forward by Australia in our November 2008 and March 2009 LULUCF submissions¹, and presented to Parties at formal and informal negotiations at the seventh session of the AWG-KP, were not captured in FCCC/KP/AWG/2009/L.3 as noted in paragraph 3 of that document.

Australia intends to make a further submission prior to AWG-KP8 refining our input to FCCC/KP/AWG/2009/L.3.

1. Additional text for inclusion in the Annex under Option 1.

Add:

¹ FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/Misc.5/Add.2 (Part I) page 64 (Australia's November 2008 LULUCF submission; FCCC/KP/AWG/2009/MISC.5 (Australia's March 2009 LULUCF submission)

"Proposed A bis. Consideration of LULUCF

(new 1). National accounts should include emissions and removals from anthropogenic sources only, consistent with the way the UNFCCC pursues its objective and with the treatment of other sectors.

(new 2). For the purposes of describing mitigation commitments for the [second] commitment period, LULUCF [should] be included in mitigation commitments and baselines [should] include all mandatory and elected sources of anthropogenic emissions and removals in the sector, including deforestation.

(new 3). Robust estimation methods [will] be used to ensure confidence in the emissions and removals from LULUCF. Parties should be transitioning towards higher level (Tier 2 and Tier 3) accounting methodologies.

(new 4). For the third commitment period, LULUCF accounting [should] use an approach based on the Convention's land-use categories to provide a comprehensive framework and enhanced capacity for comparing the land use accounts of all Parties that undertake mitigation commitments."

B. Article 3, paragraph 3

Add:

"2 bis. Parties [shall] include emissions and removals from deforestation, afforestation and reforestation in their baseline towards the determination of their assigned amount for the [second] commitment period."

C. Article 3, paragraph 4

Add:

"9 ter. Parties [should] include emissions and removals from elected activities in their baseline towards the determination of their assigned amount for the [second] commitment period; and [should] include in their accounts emissions and removals from elected activities in the [second] commitment period."

E. General

Add:

"19 bis. The land sector is also influenced by non-anthropogenic emissions and removals and legacy effects of pre-1990 activities that need to be identified and quantified to allow exclusion from accounting.

These are due to:

- i) Natural disturbance;
- ii) Inter-annual variability;
- iii) the age structure of forests."

Move:

21 bis to new paragraph 19 ter.

Add:

"19 qua. Annual reporting should report emissions estimates in a manner that more clearly reflects anthropogenic trends in LULUCF activities. Parties that use annual data to produce emissions estimates can report using a rolling average of annual greenhouse gas emissions estimates for the LULUCF sector."

Add:

"19 quin. The 2006 IPCC Guidelines will be reviewed in consideration of the post-2012 accounting framework agreed by the Parties for the land sector."

2. Australia's proposals that are incorporated to some degree in the Annex

The inclusion of new activities in a [second] commitment period is covered in Option 1, A. Definitions. Australia will consider our preferred formulation ahead of AWG-KP8.

Treatment of harvested wood products in a [second] commitment period is covered in Option 1. E. General, 21 ter to 21 sept. Australia will consider our preferred formulation ahead of AWG-KP8.

The timing of the election of activities under Article 3, paragraph 4 for a [second] commitment period, is covered in Option 1, C. Article 3, paragraph 4, 6. Australia will consider our preferred formulation ahead of AWG-KP8.

The treatment of the afforestation/reforestation sub-rule in a [second] commitment period is covered in Option 1, B. Article 3, paragraph 3, 4. Australia will consider our preferred formulation ahead of AWG-KP8.

The coverage of LULUCF in the CDM for a [second] commitment is covered in Option 1, D. Article 12, 13, 13 bis and 13 ter. The limit on the total additions to a Party's assigned amount resulting from LULUCF CDM projects is covered in Option 1, D. Article 12, 14. Australia will consider our preferred formulation ahead of AWG-KP8.