



EBEX21[®]

A system for Greenhouse Gas Measurement, Management, and Mitigation from Landcare Research

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Moving on

We regret to inform you that our executive officer, Ian Turney, has decided to take up a position at the Foundation for Research, Science and Technology (FRST). Ian was with the EBEX21 project right from the very start, and has contributed a huge amount of time and effort to ensure the success of the project to date. We wish him all the very best for his new position.

Contacting us

Because of Ian's departure, we would like to clarify who you can contact for your enquires.

1. For **landowner**-related enquires, contact Melissa Brignall-Theyer.
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(03) 325 6701 x 3733
(Note: Fiona Carswell and Larry Burrows are still the EBEX Scientific Officers but Melissa is the first point of contact for new landowners).
2. For **business** and all other **general** enquires, contact Stu McKenzie.
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Workshop: Beating the Carbon Tax

Businesses and other interested parties joined together over breakfast in late June to hear business representatives discuss their experiences of energy efficiency, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and the multiple benefits gained by taking such actions. The workshop was hosted by Environment Canterbury and Christchurch City Council, who are part of the 'Communities for Climate Change Protection – NZ' programme. Councils involved in this

programme take on the challenge of reducing greenhouse gas emissions at all levels in their communities. The workshop was a collaborative effort between Landcare Research, Ministry for the Environment, EECA, CRL Energy, Genesis Energy, Sustainable Business Network and Target Zero. http://www.landcareresearch.co.nz/news/release.asp?Ne_ID=168

Research: Councils and climate change

We have completed the second phase of research, supported by the FRST CLIMPACTS programme: Developing Capacity for Climate Change Adaptation. The second phase included business case studies, continued case-study work at Environment Bay of Plenty and Rotorua District Council, and seeking opportunities for regional communication and engagement from the community.

Research: Climate change education in schools

A scoping project titled “Processes of learning for sustainability – Climate Change in Education” has been completed. The project worked with schools in the Marlborough region, focused on identifying the current state of climate change knowledge within schools, and endeavoured to identify opportunities to integrate climate change education into the school curriculum.

Research: Marlborough Regional Futures

Marlborough research has progressed this year under the “Regional Futures” project. A network of stakeholders was established to develop initiatives such as integrity branding and sustainable resource use. The vision is to achieve “a sustainable regional future supported by new markets for value-added natural capital”.

Research: Carbon storage changes during forest succession

The science team are about to assess and quantify the change in carbon as forests progress from nurse species to broadleaved hardwood species. This is currently a source of major uncertainty in carbon storage predictions during the growth of new forests.

Government: Carbon tax policy

As has been rather extensively covered in the media, Government has announced that a carbon tax will be applied to fossil fuels, set at a rate of \$15 per tonne of CO₂. Most people will see the effects of this tax in the form of increased energy prices. For those wishing to find out more details, visit the website.

<http://www.climatechange.govt.nz/policy-initiatives/carbon-tax.html>

Government: Energy-intensive businesses

Additional policy has been introduced to assist energy-intensive businesses to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions. A pilot scheme has been initiated this year to test the effectiveness of the policy.

<http://www.climatechange.govt.nz/policy-initiatives/energy-pilot-scheme.html>

Products and services

A summary of what tools and services EBEX21[®] provides can be found on the new-look website.

http://www.ebex21.co.nz/tools_services.htm

International news

LONDON, 11 July 2005 – The heads of 24 global companies – members of the G8 Climate Change Roundtable convened by the World Economic Forum – are the latest business leaders to offer their strong support for action to mitigate climate change. The group presented a statement on Saturday to UK Prime Minister Tony Blair, host of this year's G8 Summit.

http://www.climatebiz.com/sections/news_detail.cfm?NewsID=28375

Ethical Corporation, July 2005. At the mid-May Institutional Investors Summit on Climate Risk held at the United Nations, some of the largest US public pension fund managers sought to persuade Wall Street money managers to incorporate climate change – both the risks and opportunities – into their investment decisions.

http://www.climatebiz.com/sections/news_detail.cfm?NewsID=28360

Energy-saver tip

To maximise your home heating this winter, ensure you have:

- Thermal drapes
- Draft-proof doors
- Sufficient ceiling insulation

For more details, visit http://www.ebex21.co.nz/taking_action.htm