

# Carbon potential for sheep producers

RUNNING a successful soil carbon project is ultimately about increasing long-term carrying capacity of country through increased biomass production and photosynthesis on soils with the potential to retain carbon.

This is as achievable for a sheep enterprise as it is for a cattle operation.

That's the view of Atlas Carbon's head of sales and business development, Col Feilen, who said that while overgrazing is a challenge cited by some sheep producers considering a soil carbon project, this can be overcome through well planned on-farm management.

"While there are complexities for sheep producers, particularly at lambing, there are known factors that can be prepared for and managed effectively in order for more sheep enterprises to run successful soil carbon projects," Mr Feilen said.

Mr Feilen said using grazing management tools such as Atlas Carbon's MaiaGrazing, which holds one of the world's largest grazing ana-



Col Feilen from Atlas Carbon is encouraging sheep producers to consider the potential for an on-farm soil carbon project. Picture supplied

lytical databases, is crucial to provide a comprehensive understanding of grazing activities.

"Sheep producers looking to undertake a soil carbon project need to have an objective understanding of the performance of individual paddocks," he said.

"Once you have access to those numbers and trends it allows for better long-term planning to ensure paddocks are not being pushed too far and that the farm system is in balance."

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# Effluent code ensures safe stock transport

LIVESTOCK producers and transporters share an interest in the safe transportation of livestock, but managing livestock effluent during transport has often been overlooked.

That's why the Australian Livestock and Rural Transporters Association (ALRTA) has worked with the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR), and consulted with livestock industry stakeholders, to develop and register the Effluent Code.

According to ALRTA executive director Rachel Smith, effluent is an unavoidable by-product when transporting livestock by road.

"Livestock can lose up to five per cent of their weight as effluent during transit," Ms Smith said.

"While some spills might be acceptable on remote roads, urbanisation and the relocation of meat processing facilities mean effluent spills now have a greater impact on road safety and the wellbeing of residents in local communities.

"Everyone involved in



Graeme Hoare from the Australian Livestock and Rural Transporters Association explains the effluent capture system in a livestock trailer. Picture supplied

the livestock supply chain has a Primary Duty under the Heavy Vehicle National Law for transport safety and should be aware of the Effluent Code - including producers, feedlot managers, transporters, saleyard operators and processors."

Ms Smith said proper

preparation, including low stress animal handling and safety-checking of yards, races, gates, loading ramps and truck access, plus journey planning, help to ensure the best livestock transport outcome and product quality.

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