

The Climate Friendly approach during COVID-19

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COVID-19 is presenting us all with an unusual and unexpected challenge. We believe that it is a challenge we can best meet together, responding calmly and based upon available science and evidence.

Climate Friendly's first concern is the wellbeing of our people, who are the backbone of all we do. By focusing upon our people, we are also providing the best possible assurance to our project partners and stakeholders that we will continue to provide our services and support to our usual high standard.

As of Tuesday 17 March, our office-based staff are temporarily required to work remotely, away from the office for 14 days. As well as making this easier for them to adopt simple social distancing behaviours, we will be contributing to the community wide efforts to 'flatten the curve' and delay the incidence rate of the virus.

We have also deferred all planned travel, including some upcoming site visits, for the same period. We will assess the latest medical and expert advice at the conclusion of that period as we determine whether or not to re-open offices or extend that arrangement.

We have put in place additional IT and management support in order to enable our team to continue business as usual, as they work with our project partners to ensure the continued smooth management of the portfolio of more than 100 carbon farming projects that we support.

We are actively engaged with organisations that hold a pivotal role in the functioning of the carbon farming sector. This includes close coordination with the Clean Energy Regulator so that we can jointly avoid or minimise any livelihood impacts for our carbon farming partners. Climate Friendly will continue to engage with the Australian Government and our partners as the situation progresses.

People are the heart of what we can achieve - our team members, our project partners, and their families and communities. Climate Friendly's work continues to help support their livelihoods, working together to continue to tackle the climate challenge and build resilience across our landscape.

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