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Department of Climate Change, Energy,
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COMMITTEE

The Emissions Reduction Assurance Committee

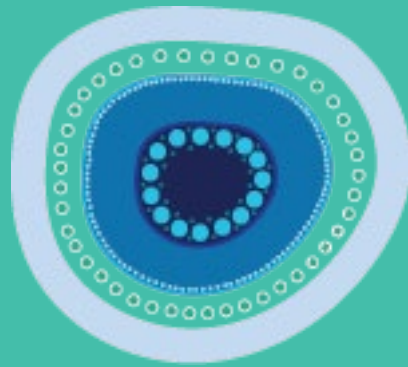
Presentation to the Forest Carbon Summit

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CSIRO member, ERAC

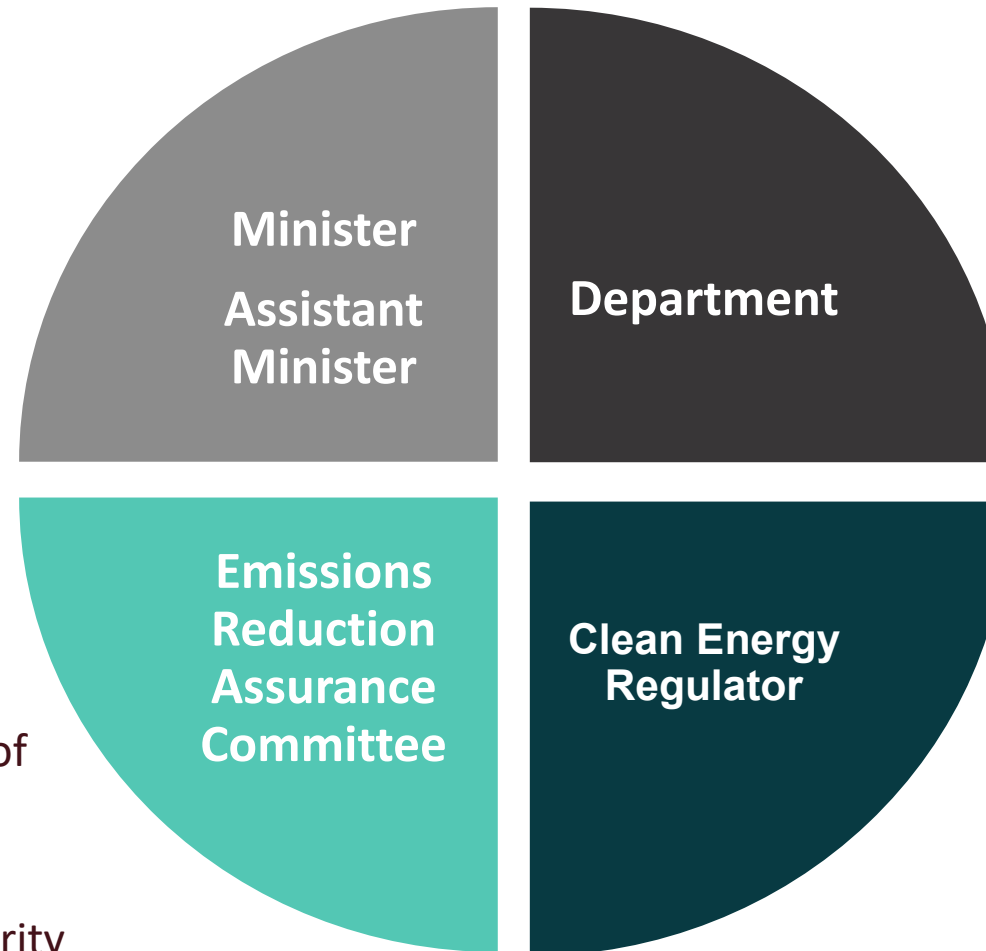
10 – 11 April 2025

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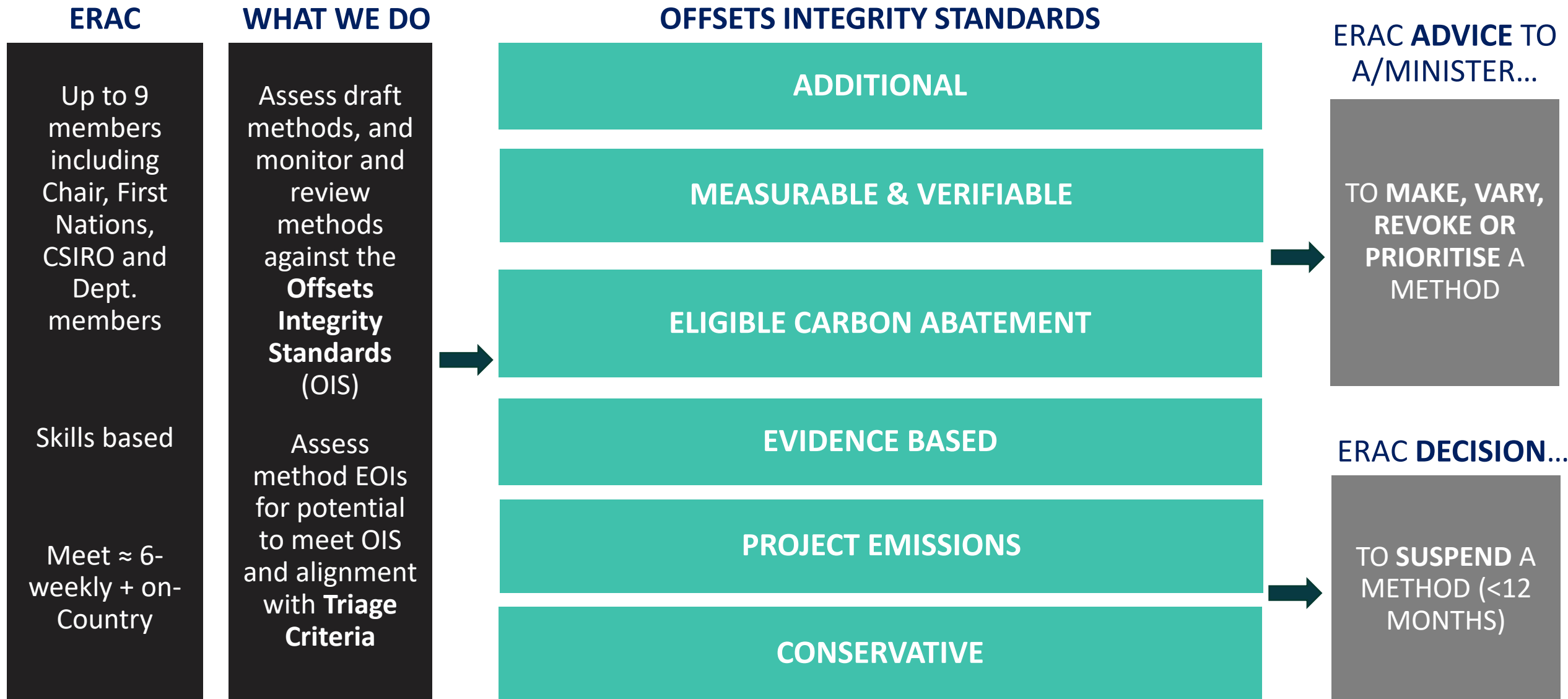
We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Australia and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

Who does what in the ACCU Scheme?



- Policy development and advice
- Secretariat to ERAC
- Facilitates proponent-led method development process
- Develops methods if directed by Minister
- Administers capability building programs (e.g. CFOP)
- **Independent regulator**
- Registers and administers projects and crediting (issuing ACCUs)
- Compliance and enforcement
- Scheme information and education
- Administers Australian Registry of Emissions Units (ANREU)

- **Minister:** Policy and legislative amendments
- **Assistant Minister:** Makes, varies, or revokes methods (based on ERAC advice), prioritises methods
- **Statutory committee**
- Advises Minister on priorities for new/varied methods
- Monitors and reviews integrity of methods (against OIS)
- Advises Minister on whether methods meet the Offsets Integrity Standards (OIS)



Interim proponent-led method development

- 21 May - 12 July 2024: First call for Expressions of interest (EOIs) to develop new methods or vary existing methods.
 - 39 EOIs received covering land, waste, building, and transport.
 - Emissions Reduction Assurance Committee assessed the EOIs against:
 - Potential to meet Offsets Integrity Standards
 - Alignment with triage criteria – scale, complexity, innovation, co-benefits & adverse impacts
 - Assistant Minister prioritised 4 EOIs for development by proponents, informed by ERAC advice
 - Prioritised EOIs announced 30 October 2024
 - ERAC provided feedback to all EOI submitters and published their assessment reasons
 - Department now engaging with proponents to facilitate development of the new methods
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Department-led Method Development

Reforms to Landfill Gas
and Landfill Gas
(Generation) methods

Integrated Farm and
Land Management
method

Savanna Fire
Management (SFM)
Emissions Avoidance &
SFM Sequestration and
Emissions Avoidance
methods

Proponent-led Method Development

Improved Avoided Clearing of Native Regrowth
Qld Government

**Reducing disturbance of coastal & floodplain wetlands by
managing hooved animals**
NAILSMA & UQ

**Improved Native Forest Management in Multiple-use Public
Forests**
NSW Government

Extending Savanna Fire Management to the Northern Arid Zone
Indigenous Desert Alliance

Other relevant methods

Plantation Forestry 2022
Active. Sunsets in 2032

Reforestation and Afforestation 2015
Expired 31/3/25.

Soil Organic Carbon 2021
Currently under review by ERAC.

Potential next steps?



EOI ranked 'B': *Enhancing Native Forest Resilience.*



EOI ranked 'B': *Sequestration of Carbon from Oil Seed Trees.*

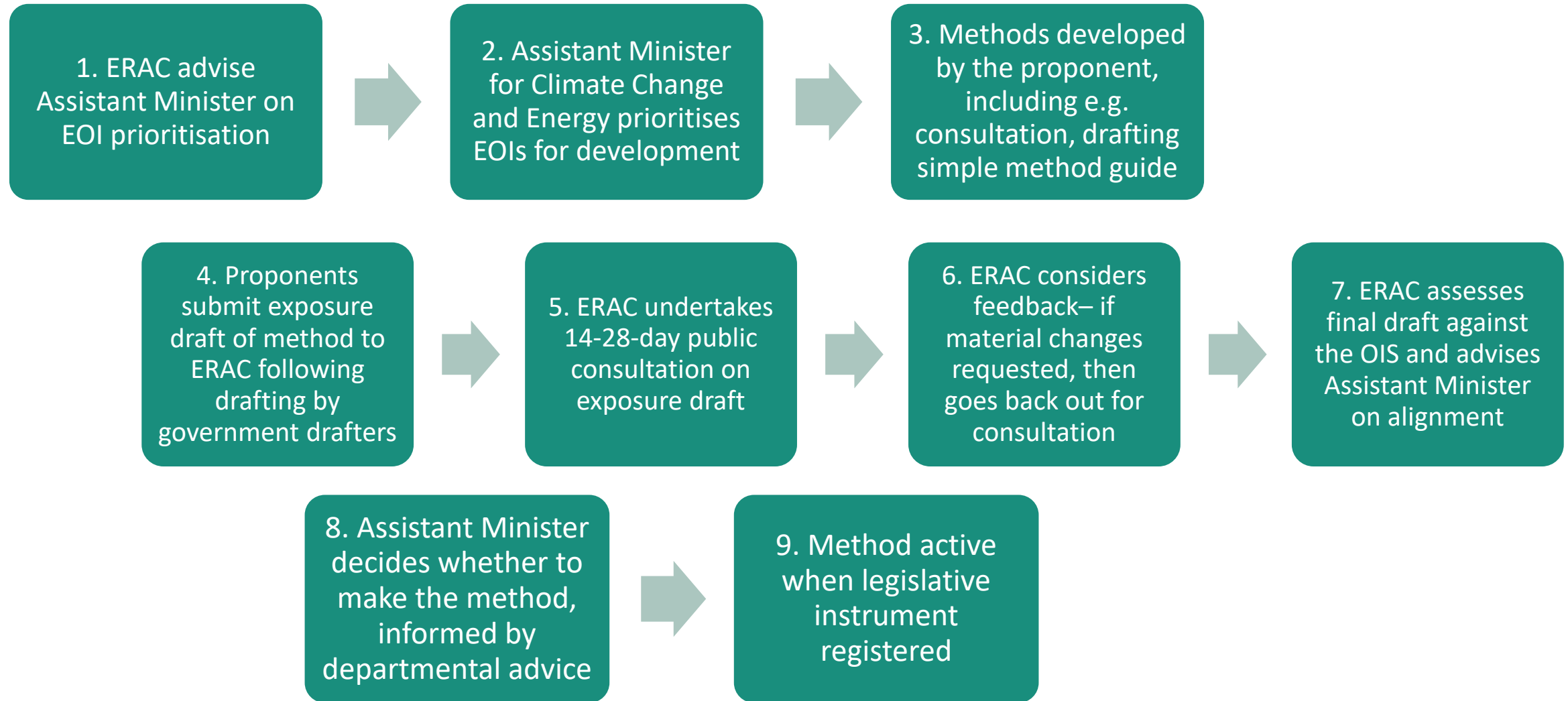


Ministerial decision to remake.



EOI ranked 'B': *Eddy Covariance Measurement Techniques.*

Proponent-led method development process



Method development and consolidation

CURRENT METHODS

20

+ Savanna Fire Management; Integrated Farm and Land Management, and Landfill Gas methods all under development

SUNSETTING METHODS

9

30 Sept. 2025 or 31 March 2026

[10 expired on 31 March 2025]

PROPONENT LED

4

One replacing an expired method

One is a variation to an existing method



POSSIBLE FUTURE SUITE: 3-5 YR STRATEGY?

Less methods, doing more
Highest standards, protocols, tech & transparency for MRV

3-5 FRAMEWORK METHODS

E.g. IFLM, agricultural methane, native forestry, organics, alternative waste...

NATURE REPAIR MARKET METHODS

Seek to 'mirror' elements of ACCU Scheme to minimise administrative burden and maximise interoperability

6-8 TARGETED METHODS

CRITICAL ROLE FOR EIA, CER, DCCEW, TERN, States/Territories, industry on environmental data collection & analytics

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