Carbon Farming Initiative Amendment Bill 2014

(Amendments to be moved by the Leader of the Palmer United Party in the Senate, Senator Lazarus, in committee of the whole)

(1) Schedule 1, page 33 (after line 10), after item 114, insert:

114A After section 27

Insert:

27A Suspension of processing of applications for declarations of eligible offsets projects

Order

(1) The Emissions Reduction Assurance Committee may, by legislative instrument, order that, if:
   (a) an application is made under section 22 during a specified period; and
   (b) the application relates to an offsets project that is covered by a specified methodology determination;

   the Regulator must not:
   (c) consider the application during that period; or
   (d) make a decision on the application during that period.

(2) A period specified in an order under subsection (1):
   (a) must start at the commencement of the order; and
   (b) must not be longer than 12 months.

(3) The Emissions Reduction Assurance Committee must not make an order under subsection (1) that relates to a methodology determination unless the Committee is satisfied that there is reasonable evidence that the methodology determination does not comply with one or more of the offsets integrity standards.

(4) Before making an order under subsection (1), the Emissions Reduction Assurance Committee must inform the Minister of the Committee’s proposal to make the order.
Compliance with order

(5) The Regulator must comply with an order under subsection (1).

Timing of decision on application

(6) If an application made under section 22 is or was covered by an order under subsection (1) of this section, subsection 27(14) does not apply to the application.

Note: Subsection 27(14) deals with the timing of decisions on applications.

[suspension of processing of applications for declarations of eligible offsets projects]

(2) Schedule 1, item 204, page 59 (after line 23), after subsection 106(4A), insert:

(4B) The Minister must not make a methodology determination if the Emissions Reduction Assurance Committee has advised the Minister under subsection 123A(2) that the determination does not comply with one or more of the offsets integrity standards.

[making of methodology determinations]

(3) Schedule 1, item 210, page 61 (line 30), after “(7)”, insert “, (7B)”.

[variation of methodology determinations]

(4) Schedule 1, item 210, page 61 (line 28), omit “standard set out in paragraph 133(1)(a)”, substitute “standards”.

[advice about making of methodology determinations]

(5) Schedule 1, item 218, page 63 (line 23), substitute “standards”.

[advice about variation of methodology determinations]