



Distinguished Visitor Award - Stephan Heubeck to Conduct Biogas Workshop in Brisbane (March 2010)

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In March 2010, APL's Environment and Climate Change Manager was invited by the New Zealand Pork Industry Board (NZPIB) to their North Island Biogas workshop. The workshop highlighted various biogas feasibility studies and included a visit to a piggery using low cost technologies to utilise biogas. The feasibilities and piggery biogas system had been designed by New Zealand's National Institute for Water and Atmosphere's (NIWA) Stephan Heubeck.

On return to Australia, a presentation on the trip was made to a group of Australian producers who had expressed previous interest in biogas utilisation. The meeting generated considerable interest and questions on the technologies being used and proposed in New Zealand. As a consequence, APL bought NIWA's Stephan Heubeck out to Australia for a two-day visit with producers and researchers involved in APL's biogas research.

During his visit, Stephan visited the *Methane 2 Market* piggery at Grantham, met with key research scientists to discuss collaborative research projects, and participated in a workshop with producers interested in implementing biogas systems on their farms. The workshop provided producers with the opportunity to hear about the biogas research occurring in New Zealand and gauge its potential for adoption in Australian piggeries.