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Farmers to bear the costs of carbon tax on fuel for livestock transporters
(Keva Gocher)

The rural transport industry says farmers will be forced to pay more to move livestock and grain if the price of fuel rises under a carbon tax.

The Government has announced fuel for cars and light trucks will be exempt from the extra tax.

It will announce on Sunday if there will be a tax on fuel for heavy vehicles.

Philip Holton, national executive director of the Livestock Transporters Association says his members will have to pass extra costs onto farmers.

"These are businesses that run on very tight margins, typical transport company in rural Australia runs on a margin of 2 to 3 per cent, it's not a high profit business.

"If a third of your cost of fuel, and fuel is looking at a cost of five or more per cent, you may go from a very low profit business to in fact a business that can't make a profit at all," Mr Holton said.