



FARMING POLICY



WHAT WE BELIEVE

NSW farmers are carrying this state on their backs while governments bury them in red and green tape, rising costs and politically based decisions.

Our farmers produce the food, fibre and exports that keep Australia running. But too often they are ignored by Sydney politicians who have no understanding of regional life.

Government departments that tax and levy farmers that are supposed to support them in turn are failing to deliver value for money particularly across pest and weed management.

Farmers do not need lectures from bureaucrats. They need roads that work, water security, strong biosecurity, affordable power and governments that support production instead of blocking it.

We believe farming should be recognised as a critical component of National Security and therefore protected and promoted as a strategic industry. That means defending productive land, rebuilding regional infrastructure and putting decision-making back into the hands of the people who live and work in the bush.



OUR ACTION PLAN

- Lock down NSW's biosecurity frontline by legislating mandatory minimum inspector numbers, enforceable response time standards and compulsory inspections on high-risk agricultural imports from countries with known biosecurity threats.
- Declare war on feral pests across NSW with permanent statewide eradication programs that formally recognise conservation hunters as critical partners in protecting farms, livestock and native habitat.
- Smash the closed-shop culture inside LLS pest and weed contracts by opening programs to local contractors, landholders, hunting groups and community-led control efforts instead of protecting bureaucratic monopolies.
- Force accountability onto government pest control programs with mandatory aerial shoot footage, GPS tracking, public reporting and independent audits to stop waste, fraud and fake activity reports.
- Legislate ironclad protections for prime agricultural land to stop large-scale renewable energy developments and transmission corridors being dumped onto productive farming country.
- Force genuine consultation with farming communities by legislating minimum consultation standards and automatic rejection of policies and projects that fail to meet them.
- Fix the roads that feed NSW by legislating enforceable infrastructure KPIs for freight routes, heavy vehicle access, bridge upgrades and flood recovery works in agricultural regions.
- Build the dams governments keep promising but never deliver by fast-



OUR ACTION PLAN - Continued

tracking major water storage, pipeline and irrigation infrastructure projects across regional NSW.

- Rip out bureaucratic delays on farm water approvals so farmers can build dams, bores and irrigation works without being strangled by endless paperwork and departmental obstruction.
- Expand drought-proofing grants for working farms covering water storage, fodder systems, exclusion fencing and practical infrastructure that keeps food production alive during dry years.
- Put agricultural officers back into country towns so farmers can once again access real local expertise instead of call centres, websites and Sydney-based departments.
- End telecommunications dead zones across farming regions by backing emerging technologies and direct farmer-led connectivity solutions instead of waiting for big telecom companies to act.
- Rebuild the agricultural workforce pipeline through expanded apprenticeships, regional training hubs and stronger incentives for young Australians to enter farming and stay on the land.
- Expand permanent mental health outreach services in the bush with frontline teams that understand the pressure, isolation and realities of farming life.
- Strengthen Right to Farm protections to shield law-abiding farmers from activist intimidation, nuisance litigation and anti-agriculture political campaigns.



OUR ACTION PLAN - Continued

- Rebuild regional food and fibre manufacturing so NSW farmers are no longer forced to send raw products away while regional jobs and profits disappear.
- Cut the dead weight of agricultural bureaucracy by scrapping duplicated approvals, unnecessary compliance costs and anti-farming red and green tape that punishes productive landholders.
- Strengthen regional disaster response capability with more firefighting infrastructure, upgraded emergency access and faster recovery support after floods, fires and storms.
- Redirect government investment into practical agricultural research focused on boosting productivity, lowering input costs, strengthening biosecurity and drought-proofing farming operations.
- Keep family farms in family hands by supporting succession planning, reducing barriers for young farmers and helping regional families stay on the land for generations.
- Put NSW-grown food first in government procurement to strengthen domestic food security and back local farmers with real purchasing power.
- Legislate a fair share of infrastructure funding for regional NSW so the communities that generate the state's agricultural wealth finally receive the investment they deserve.