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President to address Senate Inquiry

The NSW Farmers' Association President will this morning address the Senate Inquiry into Native Vegetation Laws, Greenhouse Gas Abatement and Climate Change Matters.

NSW Farmers' Association President Charles Armstrong says property rights are one of the biggest issues facing agriculture.

"This Inquiry is not just relevant to our Members, it's at the heart of everything farmers do," Mr Armstrong said.

The Association has provided a detailed submission to the Senate Inquiry, which is holding a public hearing in Wagga Wagga today.

"We are calling for just terms compensation in relation to the impacts of native vegetation, the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme, land-use planning, mining and water legislation," he said.

"Our submission also calls for fundamental changes to legislation to allow sustainable development of farm land. This would use collaborative planning processes that reduce the need for compensation and restore vitality to regional Australia.

"I will take the opportunity of this morning's public hearing to thank the Committee for tackling such a complex and diverse issue of such enormous importance to farm families and rural communities.

"I will also encourage the Committee to read the many submissions prepared by our Members. The number of farmers who made time to do this is evidence of the importance of this issue to farm families across the State," Mr Armstrong concluded.

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