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MPs must heed farming Budget call

The NSW Farmers' Association has today issued an open letter to all Members of NSW Parliament highlighting the need for increased funding to enhance the food producing capacity of NSW.

The NSW Farmers' Association has provided a detailed submission to the State Government and is calling for action in tomorrow's State Budget.

NSW Farmers' Association President Charles Armstrong says important decisions need to be made now to ensure NSW farmers are able to meet the demand of the global food crisis.

"All of the modeling suggests Australian farmers will have to feed 50% more people, domestically and overseas, in 2050 than we do now," Mr Armstrong said.

"Food security is an imperative that must be addressed in this Budget. Strengthening our food producing capacity will offer an opportunity for NSW to capitalise on its farming capacity through potential high export prices," he said.

A copy of the open letter is attached.

A full copy of the Association's Budget Submission and summary document are available on the website at www.nswfarmers.org.au.

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