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Farmers look to the future with new Ministers

The NSW Farmers' Association has welcomed Premier Rees announcement of portfolio responsibilities for his new cabinet, and looks forward to working with those relating to agriculture and rural communities.

NSW Farmers' Association President Jock Laurie says the Association will be seeking meetings over the coming weeks, to bring Ministers up to speed on issues affecting rural and regional NSW.

"I would like to congratulate all new Ministers on their appointments and look forward to working with the new leadership of the Labor Party immediately," Mr Laurie said.

The NSW Farmers' Association will be writing to the following Ministers to seek meetings on issue relating to their portfolios.

- **Carmel Tebbutt** – Deputy Premier, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister for Commerce.
- **David Campbell** – Minister for Transport.
- **Ian Macdonald** – Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources and Minister for State Development.
- **Tony Kelly** – Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Emergency Services and Minister Lands.
- **Michael Daley** – Minister for Roads.
- **Phillip Costa** – Minister for Water, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development.
- **John Della Bosca** – Minister for Health.
- **Kristina Keneally** – Minister for Planning.
- **Barbara Perry** – Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health).

"We are pleased to see Minister Ian Macdonald returned to his previous portfolios, as the Association has built a strong working relationship with the Minister over several years and we'll work hard to ensure this continues," Mr Laurie said.

The Association looks forward to meeting with Minister Macdonald on Wednesday.

The NSW Farmers' Association will be providing a detailed briefing note to each of the Ministers over the coming days, outlining the main issues relating to agriculture and rural communities.

"Issues such as mining, transport regulations, water allocations, drought support, health, roads and land use planning are just some of the issues that will be addressed," Mr Laurie concluded.

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