

NSW
Farmers
ASSOCIATION
FOOD...FIBRE...FUTURE...



TIMETABLE & MOTIONS

NSW FARMERS' ASSOCIATION 2011 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Tuesday, 19 July 2011 – Thursday, 21 July 2011

Exhibition Hall 2A, Sydney Showground, Sydney Olympic Park

Executive Council Meeting – Friday, 22 July 2011

Visit www.ac.org.au to stay up to date on the 2011 Annual Conference

TIMETABLE *(subject to change)*

MONDAY 18 JULY (PRE CONFERENCE)

MEETINGS

- 10.00am - 5.30pm Horticulture AGM, Southee 3
- 10.00am - 5.00pm Western Division Council Meeting & AGM, Southee 5
- 1.00pm - 5.00pm Egg Producers AGM, The Hub

PRE CONFERENCE SESSIONS

- 5.00pm Open Board Forum, North Pod
Pre - Registration Opens
- 6.00pm New Delegate Session
- 7.00pm Pre - Registration Closes
Delegates at leisure
(A range of dining options are available in the precinct)

TUESDAY 19 JULY (CONFERENCE DAY 1)

- 7.30am Registration Opens
- 8.30am **Official Opening commences**
Opening Prayer, Motion of Condolence, Standing Orders
- 8.40am Major Sponsor Address, WorkCover NSW
- 8.50am President's Address
Mr Charles Armstrong, NSW Farmers' Association
- 9.10am Chief Executive Report
Mr Matt Brand, NSW Farmers' Association
- 9.25am Guest Speaker (TBA)
- 10.00am Morning Tea (Exhibitor Hall)
- 10.20am Policy Session – **Conservation & Resource Management**
- 12.35pm Lunch Break (Exhibitor Hall)
- 1.15pm **Organisation including Treasurer's Report**
- 2.15pm **Intensive Industry Reports**
Egg Producers, Poultry Contract, Oysters, Horticulture
- 2.35pm **AGM – NSW Farmers' (Industrial) Association (Part 1)**
(Adoption of Financials, Appointment of Auditors, Chair Report, Policy Session)
- 3.15pm Afternoon Tea Break (Exhibitor Hall)
- 3.45pm Policy Session – **Sustainability Taskforce**
- 4.45pm Policy Session – **Meat & Livestock**
- 6.00pm Sessions conclude
'Social Graze' (Gourmet BBQ), Southee Complex

TIMETABLE *(subject to change)*

WEDNESDAY 20 JULY (CONFERENCE DAY 2)

| | |
|---------|---|
| 7.00am | Breakfast Session, Hall 2A |
| 8.15am | Policy Session – Grains |
| 10.30am | Morning Tea Break (Exhibitor Hall) |
| 11.00am | Q&A Session Topic: Meeting the Food Security Challenge |
| 12.00pm | Lunch Break (Exhibitor Hall) |
| 12.45pm | Policy Session - Wool |
| 2.00pm | Young Farmers' Council Update |
| 2.15pm | Tertiary Scholarship Awards |
| 2.45pm | Policy Session – Business, Economics and Trade (Part 1) |
| 3.45pm | Afternoon Tea Break (Exhibitor Hall) |
| 4.15pm | Policy Session – Business, Economics and Trade (Part 2) |
| 5.30pm | Conference Concludes for the Day Delegates at leisure until 6.15pm |
| 6.15pm | 'Urban Paddock' commences, Badgery Pavilion |
| 11.30pm | Urban Paddock concludes |

THURSDAY 21 JULY (CONFERENCE DAY 3)

| | |
|---------|---|
| 7.30am | Breakfast Session, Hall 2A |
| 9.00am | Policy Session - Rural Affairs |
| 10.15am | Guest Speaker (TBA) |
| 10.45am | Morning Tea Break (Exhibitor Hall) |
| 11.15am | Policy Session - Mining Taskforce |
| 12.15pm | Intensive Industry Reports Dairy, Pork, Goat |
| 12.30pm | Lunch Break (Exhibitor Hall) |
| 1.30pm | General |
| 2.30pm | AGM – NSW Farmers' Association AGM – NDRF |
| 4.30pm | AGM – NSW Farmers' (Industrial) Association (Part 2) |
| 4.45pm | Unfinished Agenda Items |
| 5.30pm | Conference Close |

FRIDAY 22 JULY (INCOMING EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING)

| | |
|---------|---|
| 8.30am | Incoming Executive Council Meeting, The Hub |
| 12.30pm | Meeting concludes |

2011 POLICY MOTIONS

CONSERVATION & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Native Vegetation/Property Rights

- CR01** That the Association lobby for changes to the Native Vegetation Act/Regulations, so that socio-economic effects, not just environmental outcomes, are taken into account when processing land clearing applications.
209 INVERELL, 051 TENTERFIELD, 103 WARREN
- CR02** That the Inverell District Council urge the NSW Farmers' Association take immediate action to establish a dialogue with the new Primary Industry Minister with regard to changes to the Native Vegetation regulations and the NRM, stewardship matters and property rights.
210 INVERELL

Planning

- CR03** That the Association seeks amendments to planning legislation to ensure that:
- Environment zones imposed on land used for agricultural production are removed from Local Environmental Plans;
 - Existing Use Rights removed by the Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (Existing Uses) Regulation 2006 are restored;
 - Positive rights and protections for ongoing farming activities are introduced such that new neighbours cannot object to routine and necessary farming activities.
022 GOULBURN

Strategic Regional Land Use Policy

- CR04** That the Association seek to ensure that the Strategic Regional Land Use Policy and its Regional Strategic Plans address all and tenures, both private and public
241 COONABARABRAN

Pest Animals

- CR05** That the Association call on the NSW government to implement a strongly coordinated program for pest animal control that:
- Is consistent across public and private land tenures, including national parks (Nil Tenure);
 - Is supported by a centralised, map-based management data base, tracking pest animal occurrence, management activity and funding;
 - Includes significant additional funding for wild dog, rabbit, fox and pig control activities;
 - Is directed by a steering committee which includes a delegate from the Association; and
 - Includes changes to biodiversity policy to enable more efficient control activity
002 ARMIDALE, 141 DUBBO, 225 MUDGEE,
248 COONABARABRAN

- CR06** That the Association support a bounty of \$10 for foxes and \$50 for wild dogs, in line with Victorian bounties.
156 GUYRA

- CR07** That the Association lobby for the commercial harvesting of kangaroos in state forests, particularly state pine forests. As well, the haul area of forests be added to the surrounding farm areas for the purpose of determining quotas.
120 BLAYNEY, 101 BATHURST

Water

- CR08** That the Association seek the right for irrigators to carry over high security water from one irrigation year to the next.
067 COWRA
- CR09** That the Association seek from NSW Office of Water realistic water charges for managing unregulated rivers, and that those charges be determined by audited costs of each source of water.
122 MID NORTH COAST
- CR10** That the Association should oppose any Government water buy backs
128 TAMWORTH
- CR11** That the Association investigate the possibility of large former open cut mine sites be used for water storages and or flood mitigation.
129 TAMWORTH DISTRICT COUNCIL
- CR12** That the Association demand the Federal Government repeal the Water Act of 2007.
201 JERILDERRIE
- CR13** That the Federal Government be charged for environmental water (purchased from irrigators) at the same rate as other water users (irrigators).
207 INVERELL
- CR14** That the Association:

- a. lobby for new water storage facilities based on water storage efficiency improvements and flood mitigation measures on a national landscape basis; and
- b. calls for a detailed technical study into the need for and practical potential for new infrastructure as an input to developing the Murray Darling Basin Plan.
239 COONABARABRAN, 206 WAGGA WAGGA,
245 GRIFFITH

Toorale Station

- CR15** That the Association support the return of the outstanding rural property "Toorale Station" near Bourke to a productive and successful agricultural enterprise (with diligence and expediency).
144 DUBBO

2011 POLICY MOTIONS

Weeds

CR16 That the Association call on the NSW government to:

Implement a strongly coordinated program for weed control that:

- Is consistent across public and private land tenures, including national parks (Nil Tenure);
- Is supported by a centralised, map-based management data base, tracking weed occurrence, management activity and funding;
- Includes significant additional funding to enable local government, RTA and NPWS to undertake affective weed control along roads, travelling stock routes, national parks and other public lands;
- Draws on a review of weed control programs in Australia and internationally; and
- Includes changes to biodiversity policy to enable more efficient control activity
079 GRENFELL, 224 226 MUDGEE

CR17 That the Association calls for the introduction of compulsory weed inspections for all rural land when it is offered for sale, with:

- a. A report by the weed control authority detailing weed status and any required action attached to the contract of sale; and
- b. The cost of inspecting the property and compiling the report to be paid by the vendor.
100 BATHURST

CR18 That the Association: a) recognise the very serious threat to agricultural production and vegetation diversity of *eragrostus curvula* - African Lovegrass; and b) promote research and development into genetic modification as a means of control.
105 COOMA

National Parks

CR19 That the Association Request the new State Govt repeal legislation regarding transfer of NSW State Forest to National Parks & Wildlife Services.
152 COBAR BRANCH

CR20 That the Association lobby Government for access to National Parks and State Forests to provide for managed hives with floral access, to build hive strength for the benefit of honey production and pollination critical to agriculture/horticulture and the environment.
232 ORANGE

Forestry

CR21 That the Association lobby the State Government to re establish a viable and practical commercial timber industry in what were originally public working forests.
251 COONABARABRAN

Land Transfers

CR22 That the Association should lobby that all Land Transfers should be Public Knowledge as part of "Freedom of Information".
138 DUBBO

Container Deposit Scheme

CR23 That the Association lobbies the State Government for environmental purposes to reintroduce a container deposit scheme.
243 GRIFFITH

Mining on Travelling Stock Routes

CR24 That the Association lobby the State Government to impose a ban on any mining exploration licenses on Travelling Stock Routes (TSRs).
180 HUNTER

BUSINESS, ECONOMICS & TRADE

Foreign Investment

E01 That the Association lobby the State and Federal Governments to establish a public register of foreign investment in agriculture.
019 JUNEE, 146 BEGA VALLEY BRANCH

E02 That the Association lobby that all agricultural land sales over \$2 million should be approved and recorded by the Federal Government to enhance the awareness of creeping acquisitions.
131 GLEN INNES, 140 DUBBO

Crown Lands

E03 The Association ensure that the Lands Department, or another Department, have the capabilities to assess and grant access for private individuals to perform road works and construction on crown roads.
265 ECONOMICS & TRADE COMMITTEE

E04 That the Association ask the NSW State Government to advise all persons that have applied to buy crown roads of the estimated determination date for their application.
041 COOTAMUNDRA

E05 That the Association seek an extension of the moratorium on charges for Crown Roads.
121 MID NORTH COAST

E06 That the Association oppose the levying of rent on Enclosed Roads, and lobby the NSW Government to eliminate the rental currently imposed.
133 FAR NORTH COAST

2011 POLICY MOTIONS

Supermarkets

- E07** That the Association
- lobby the NSW and Federal Government to further examine the influence that major supermarkets have on agricultural product prices.
 - seek to ensure that the current price war in major chain supermarkets does not create predatory pricing in contract renewals.
 - lobby against predatory pricing by the two major supermarket chains in agricultural industry products.
 - expresses its concerns about the Coles/Woolworths duopoly in grocery marketing, particularly in regard to the effective "dumping" of below cost home brand milk on the Australian market which should be referred to the NSW Department of Fair Trading and the ACCC.
004 ARMIDALE, 066 COWRA, 132 GLEN INNES,
150 BEGA VALLEY BRANCH
- E08** That the Association adopt as policy, the key recommendations of the supermarket power review, namely:-
- Immediate removal of restrictive covenants on the entry of new players in shopping centres.
 - Cessation of warehousing of development sites to prevent competitors setting up greenfield sites.
154 GUYRA

Establishment of a Small Business and Farming Commissioner

- E09** That the Association lobby the Federal Government to establish a Small Business and Farming Commissioner to investigate and control unfair competition practices, including a mechanism to provide small businesses with options to contest unfair or predatory arrangements enforced through contracts imposed by larger parties.
024 GOULBURN

Transport of Wool

- E10** That the Association supports the guidelines of VRN40 in relation to the transportation of wool.
042 COOTAMUNDRA

Newell Highway

- E11** That the Association support improvements to the Newell Highway with more overtaking lanes and restoring the 110 kph speed limit.
006 COOLAMON, 049 ARDLETHAN

Heavy Vehicle Registration

- E12** That the Association lobby the NSW Government to reduce the cost of primary producer heavy vehicle registration to reflect its on road usage compared to commercial operators and the cost of primary producer registration in other States. Note: tri-axle trailer in Victoria Primary Producer is \$250.00 for 12 months, no inspection costs. NSW, \$1,400.00 for 12 months. Commercial operators travel between 200,000 and 300,000Kms p.a. compared to primary producers 10,000 to 15,000 kms p.a.
244 GRIFFITH

Regional Air Services

- E13** That the Association seek Membership to the State Aviation Working Group to further progress Association policy of certainty, adequacy and affordability for regional air services in NSW.
263 ECONOMICS & TRADE COMMITTEE
- E14** That the Association support the partial regulation of monopoly air routes in NSW.
264 ECONOMICS & TRADE COMMITTEE

Road Funding

- E15** That the Association ensures the new State Government fulfils its election promise to allocate adequate resources to build, upgrade and maintain:
- rail lines; and
 - a major road from the central west, over the Blue Mountains, to Sydney.
077 COONAMBLE

Heavy Vehicle Registration

- E16** That the Association address the significant increase in registration costs for B-Doubles.
078 GRENFELL

Road Funding

- E17** The State Government allocate to rural shire councils a set proportion of the GST revenue to properly maintain and upgrade rural secondary roads.
037 MERRIWA
- E18** That the Association lobby the NSW and Federal Governments to provide specific-purpose funding to Local Governments to seal and/or widen roads from 6 metres to 8 metres, with a centre line and signage, in those spots on their rural road networks where there are "blind crests and corners"
158 GUYRA
- E19** That the Association lobby the NSW Roads and Traffic Authority to take on and accept responsibility for shire roads that take regular inter-regional traffic.
223 GULARGAMBONE

2011 POLICY MOTIONS

- E20** That the Association lobby to have more funding provided to local councils for the upgrade of roads to B-double status for transport of agricultural produce.
238 YOUNG

Stock Underpasses

- E21** That the Association lobby State Government to identify the sites on highways and major roads that require stock underpasses for safety and allocate funding over the next five years to address this issue.
148 BEGA VALLEY BRANCH

Sovereign Wealth Fund

- E22** The Association pursue that; a Sovereign Wealth Fund be established that captures and stores the economic rents associated with finite resource extraction in Australia, and that this fund be legislated such that it is independently managed and is not susceptible to political pressure.
266 ECONOMICS & TRADE COMMITTEE

Resource Taxation

- E23** That the Association lobby the State Government to set a more realistic royalty on our resources, so the Australian public receive a return more comparable to the enormous profit the mining sector at present enjoys. At present we have a two tier economy, making it very difficult to compete for labour and other associated costs.
171 NARRABRI

Income Tax

- E24** That the Association seek that overseas investors pay their fair share of Australian Income Tax on income earned in Australia.
185 BARRABA

Electricity

- E25** That the Association lobby the State Government to apply an electricity rebate for farmers, who are registered for GST, and who provide food, fibre or fodder for the Australian domestic or export markets.
178 HUNTER

Buy Australian

- E27** That the Association lobby Federal and State Governments to run more advertising campaigns with the message that buying Australian grown or made product provides job for Australian families.
250 COONABARABRAN

Financial Cooperatives

- E28** That the Association support Co-operatives Australia, Australian Social Business and other Mutual businesses to facilitate greater awareness of the Co-operative option and demonstrate the economic and social impacts of Co-operatives, Credit Unions and mutual business in the 2012 UN declared year of Co-operatives.

Further to continue to build closer working relationships with these bodies in the Nationally declared 2012 year of the Farmer.
181 NORTH COAST

Contracts

- E29** That the Association lobby all agricultural bodies, that when contracts are drawn up, there is a greater emphasis on plain English so that the contract is fully understood by all parties.
099 CANOWINDRA

Family Estates

- E30** That the Association lobby the State Govt. to get rid of the Labor law stating that everyone has to be equal in family estates. This is so unfair to farmers or people in business who have worked hard and are not entitled to more than their share in the family estate when their parents die.
161 MANILLA

Electricity

- E31** That the Association lobby the State Government about the increasing cost of electricity to rural communities and farming enterprises.
143 DUBBO

Road Access

- E32** That the Association lobby Government to provide for farmers immunity from prosecution and claims for damages against them, in circumstances where, as a result of rain and flooding, road grading and other necessary activities are carried out by them in order to maintain unsealed farm road access.
190 GARAH

Cooperative Research Centres

- E33** That the Association lobby Government to formulate terms of reference for CRC's to:
1. Be responsible to industry based needs.
 2. Be dedicated to the future of the levy paying industry, not necessarily to all end users.
 3. Maintain an independent stance between the research arm of the CRC and the commercial interests involved in the marketing of the developed product.
- 272 COONABARABRAN

2011 POLICY MOTIONS

GRAIN

Grain Marketing

- G01** That the Association produce annual analysis of variations to gross and net pricing to growers of wheat, barley and canola, including pool results.
092 POTTINGER
- G02** That the Association work closely with Grain Traders Australia to make members aware of grain contract details.
234 YOUNG
- G03** That a list of registered and accredited grain traders in Australia be posted on the Association website, with a link to Grain Traders Australia website.
235 YOUNG

Dispute Resolution

- G04** That the Association pursues to have a process where individual farmers could access assistance for dispute resolution in the areas of:
- Receival Standards
 - Segregations
 - Storage and Handling
- 011 BROCKLESBY/COROWA

Receival Standards

- G05** That the Association review the current efforts being made to ensure uniform receival standards and uniform calibration of testing equipment between receival sites.
015 NORTH
- G06** That the Association lobby the Federal Government for R&D to develop an objective measurement on sprouted grain.
176 LOCKHART
- G07** That the Association must look into the accuracy of the wheat falling numbers test machines, and seek that operators of those machines be properly trained and supervised.
199 JERILDERIE

Silo Pricing

- G08** That the Association ensure that a grain receiving site, that is not taking a particular grade of grain, does not post a price for that particular grade.
177 LOCKHART

Peak Grain Grower Representative Body

- G09** That the Association as a matter of urgency, analyse and assess the strengths and weaknesses of all bodies aiming to be the Peak Grains Representative with a view to supporting one organisation.
222 GUNNEDAH

- G10** That the Association and the Grains Committee as their first priority ensure a single national grains representative body is established with the support of at least four significant grain growing states, and wish to achieve a workable national representative body for grain farmers sooner rather than later.
093 CANOWINDRA, 142 LOWER WESTERN

- G11** That the Association only join a National Grains Representative Organisation based on one grower, one vote, and voluntary union principles.
060 ARDLETHAN

- G12** That the Association
- a. actively work, lobby and negotiate to unite national representation within the grains industry under one legislatively recognised organisation;
 - b. acknowledges that Grain Producers Australia ("GPA") enjoys legislative status as the national grains industry representative organisation;
 - c. encourages the development of a high level of communication and interchange between GPA Policy Committees and NSWFA Grains Committee;
 - d. accepts a position within the GPA organisation, its Board or Committees, as may be negotiated between GPA and NSWFA;
 - e. makes all possible endeavours to encourage Grain Growers Limited ("GGL") to adopt the above position in respect of themselves and to provide support, assistance and encouragement to GPA in the execution of GPA's function as a peak industry body;
 - f. lobby the Federal Government to do all it can to help NSWFA maximise the effectiveness of GPA as the legislated single peak industry body.
188 GARAH, 014 NORTH STAR, 063 COWRA, 081 GRENFELL

- G13** That the Association endorse and promote the NGA as a Commodity Council of NFF as the preferred mechanism for national grain representation.
089 POTTINGER

- G14** That Annual Conference express concern for the Association and the Grains Committee failing to follow direction of 2010 Annual Conference motion No. G05.
084 URALLA

RD&E

- G15** That the Association work to ensure that the GRDC allocates adequate funding to the breeding of open-pollinated canola varieties.
059 ARDLETHAN
- G16** That the Association actively pursue implementation of the National Grains Research and Development Framework.
221 GUNNEDAH

2011 POLICY MOTIONS

Terms of Payment

G17 That the Association seek a review of the Grain Trade Australia contract and recommend Grain Trade Australia takes legal advice in consultation with stakeholders including NSWFA. The purpose of the advice and the review is to ensure that the contract is relevant, having regard to changes in legislation and practicalities of trading. As part of the review the following aspects should be adopted:

- a. 7 day terms of trade for payment; and
 - b. No passing of title to the grain until payment is cleared with the grower.
- 034 NARROMINE

Infrastructure - Rail

G18 That the Association lobby the State Government to upgrade the rail infrastructure to include a second regional train line into Newcastle.
005 ARMIDALE

G19 That the Association seek the implementation of the recommendations of the NSW Grain Freight Review by the State and Federal Governments.
033 NARROMINE

Grain Harvest Management Scheme

G20 That the Association seek the implementation of a nationally consistent grain harvest management scheme with a tolerance of 7.5%.
031 NARROMINE, 031 PEAK HILL, 175 LOCKHART

Genetically Modified Organisms

G21 That the Association revisit the GM Food policy. In particular the issues surrounding labelling, insurance, contamination/impingement to non GM industries and growers.
212 INVERELL

G22 That where genetically modified products may enter the human food chain it be the policy of the NSW Farmers' Association that these products be subjected to multigenerational food studies.
023 GOULBURN, 213 INVERELL

G23 That the Association urge the Office of the Gene Technology Regulator (OGTR) and other regulatory bodies involved, to only approve genetic modification of plants for release into Australia, upon the following conditions:-

- a. published peer reviewed and independent testing of all products considered for release with consensus that it meets all the human and environmental objectives.
 - b. that the substantial equivalent principle cannot be used in the approval process.
- 102 MOLONG

G24 That the Association policy be

- a. to not have a policy that focuses on issues relating to GM modifications of crops and GM or non GM producers.
- b. To at all times focus on and promote, both within the Association and in the public area, the proven quality and safety of its members produce and the triple bottom line benefits of member's productions techniques and systems.
- c. That no one production system be promoted in preference to any other.
- d. That, where an issue is seen to be particularly fraught and/or divisive within the Association, eg GM issues, wheat marketing, OJD, the Association establish on its website, separately for each issue.
 - A section which lists all the studies from individuals and organisations generally recognised by their peers as experts in the field and published in scholarly, peer reviewed journals both in Australia and internationally.
 - A statement of the conclusions of the study
 - A link to the paper/journal article (purchased if necessary to source the article) and
 - Links to commentary by other experts in the field (ie not just any internet site).
- e. That based on the above approach, the Association lobbying activities be to promote all members right to use their chosen production system.
097 CANOWINDRA

GENERAL

LHPA's

GE01 That the Association lobby the NSW State Government to abolish LHPA's and split their role between NSW DPI and local shire councils.
043 PEAK HILL, 057 TENTERFIELD, 112 PARKES, 123 YASS, 197 TULLAMORE

Stock Reserves

GE02 That the Association investigate the effective alienation of stock reserves [on non through routes] by the LHPAs.
162 COOLAH

Agricultural Research Facilities

GE03 That the Association seeks the reinstatement of agricultural research stations to the levels of funding and expertise to 1970s levels in real terms.
030 NARROMINE

2011 POLICY MOTIONS

Quarantine Standards

GE04 That the Association lobby to maintain high quarantine standards to protect Australia's rural industries.
151 BEGA VALLEY BRANCH

Imported Pig Meat Quarantine protocols

GE05 In the light of the New Zealand decision to allow the importation of pig meat under reduced quarantine standards, the NSW Farmers' Association support the retention of the existing quarantine protocols that apply to imports of pig meat and strongly oppose any reduction in these protocols that could increase the risk of disease carried in imported pig meat spreading to either domestic or feral pigs or to other commercial or wild animals.
262 EXOTIC DISEASE COMMITTEE

Department of Agriculture

GE06 That the Association lobby to have the NSW Department of Agriculture be reintroduced and expanded to provide greater technical advisory services to rural landholders.
173 NARRABRI

Pest Control

GE07 That the Association lobby the Federal Government to develop a functional well resourced authority for the monitoring and control of species capable of developing into plagues, where the impacts are felt across the community and there is market failure of control measures.
271 GRAINS COMMITTEE

2012 Year of the Farmer

GE08 That the Association develop a Marketing and Communication Strategy in line with '2012 Year of the Farmer', to promote Australian Agriculture.
136 WELLINGTON

Chemical Containers

GE09 That the Association encourage manufacturers to use and/or develop chemical containers which are easy to pour and user friendly.
010 BROCKLESBY/COROWA

Chemicals on imported foods

GE10 That the Association lobby for the Australian standards of compliance for the use of chemicals registered for food products to be also applied to imported food products.
107 BERRIGAN, 233 ORANGE

Dogs

GE11 That the Association lobby the State Government to oppose moves to limit the time that dogs may be tied up or confined.
001 ARMIDALE

Duck Shooting

GE12 That the Association lobby State Government to reintroduce the Duck Shooting Season.
202 JERILDERIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Equine (Horse) Dentistry

GE13 That the Association Lobby both State & Federal Government to continue to support Equine(horse) Dentistry at Cert IV and Diploma level to ensure rural Australia and equine welfare will benefit from trained and qualified non veterinarian equine dentists able to perform industry relevant procedures(using power tools to carry out whole of mouth corrective dental function) to a high Diploma standard.
159 BERRIGAN, 203 JERILDERIE

Plan of Action

GE14 That the Association develop an ongoing plan of action

- which allows for full & frank discussion of complex issues away from the limited time available at Conference.
- Require all statements to be factual referenced & reported by recognised data.
- Discourage generalisation and over - arching statements.
- Allows for immediate response for statements/claims eg by having a series of panel discussions, Q & A panel sessions, etc.
- Encourages members to at all times, sort out their differences by private negotiation or mediation, not via the media, and that the Association make available access to suitably qualified mediators to facilitate this process.
096 098 CANOWINDRA

Boundary fencing - Government Agencies

GE15 That the Association lobby the Government to amend legislation so the Government Agencies are responsible for their share of the repair and replacement of fencing adjacent to public land.
149 BEGA VALLEY BRANCH

Food Authority

GE16 That NSWFA lobby the Government for a stand alone Australian food authority, rather than a combined food authority with NZ (as is the case with FSANZ).
231 ORANGE, 119 BERRIGAN

FSANZ

GE17 That the Association facilitate the separation of Foods Standards Australia and NZ so that Australia has a stand alone entity.
109 BERRIGAN

2011 POLICY MOTIONS

Levy Funded Organisations

GE18 That the Association call for all levy funded organisations to report the cost of consultation, including the segmentation of the payments to all representative organisations.
216 RANKINS SPRINGS

Association Media Exposure

GE20 That the Association seek greater media exposure and public relations into non rural media, especially the benefits of Agriculture.
184 BARRABA

MEAT & LIVESTOCK

Definition of Lambs

M01 That the Association lobby the Sheepmeat Council and AMIC to align Australia with the current New Zealand practice where lambs are defined as "being up to two teeth but not worn".
027 BALRANALD/OXLEY

NLIS

M02 That the Association reinstate its previous policy to:

1. Support the proposed standards for sheep electronic identification being consistent with current National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) Sheep plastic tag standards (ie visually readable property identification code and retention);
2. Require a cost/benefit analysis to be undertaken prior to electronic identification becoming mandatory under NLIS sheep;
3. Will require the following electronic identification standards, if electronic identification becomes a mandatory NLIS Sheep requirement:
 - a. Capable of interfacing with multiple reader technologies,
 - b. Effective at Commercial speeds at each point in the supply chain (ie on farm, saleyards, processing works and live exports),
 - c. Prices starting at less than \$0.50 per device.
137 WELLINGTON

Red Meat Pricing

M03 That the Association lobby to have the Productivity Commission undertake a review of the red meat industry in Australia with particular reference to the pricing structure between the farm gate and the butcher shop. 147 BEGA VALLEY BRANCH

Sheepmeat Strategic Plan

M04 That the Association lobby Sheepmeat Council of Australia to amend the current 'sheepmeat strategic plan' such that it does NOT attempt to manage supply by setting supply targets.
153 GUYRA

Lamb Marketing

M05 That the Association request that Meat & Livestock Australia consider increasing its visible lamb marketing campaign in rural and regional areas.
080 GRENFELL

MLA Elections

M06 That the Association call on the MLA to:

- a. recommend 3 candidates for each MLA Board position when an election takes place.
- b. Enable all MLA levy payers to be entitled to nominate and offer themselves for election to the Board by all levy payers in an open election.
- c. Provide levy payers with a total of levies paid and their voting entitlement prior to the AGM.
218 RANKINS SPRINGS, 219 220 RANKINS SPRINGS

Cattle Ticks

M07 That the Association lobby the NSW Government for stronger controls of stock movements out of the North Coast region due to the increased number of tick fever outbreaks on the North Coast and the resultant outbreak on the Northern Tablelands.
050 TENTERFIELD

Livestock Veterinary Health Products

M08 That the Association lobby the NSW Department of Primary Industries to develop and publish a user guide for veterinary health products for livestock similar to their publication "Weed control in winter crops 2011".
160 GUYRA

MINING TASK FORCE

Mining Licences

MT01 That the Association request that the NSW Government legislate that licences for either the mining, coal seam gas extraction or other extractive industries are:

1. NOT transferable.
2. Include rehabilitation provisions and a requirement for environment insurance for the benefit of affected landowners and their land.
3. Provide for fair and equitable compensation to farmers and graziers for land degradation created by resource exploration and mining companies.
026 GOULBURN

2011 POLICY MOTIONS

Coal Seam Gas

MT02 That the Association, in the view of the threat by the coal seam gas industry (CSG) to both the Murray Darling Basin and the Great Artesian Basin, call for

1. An independent enquiry into its environmental impacts
2. A moratorium on any further development of the industry until appropriate management processes are in place
3. A reappraisal of the importance of the Murray Darling Basin and the Great Artesian Basin to the future of the Australian nation.
072 COONAMBLE

MT03 That the Association lobby the NSW Government to introduce legislation that requires that prior to commencement of any extraction of CSG, a hydrological study verifying that there will be no impact on agribusiness water resources is to be completed and that the cost of the study is to be borne by the organisation wishing to extract.
168 NARRABRI

MT04 That the Association seek to ensure that all gas pipeline developments are not imposing cost or risk on farm businesses.
065 COWRA

MT05 That the Association investigate the concept of a legally binding no net agricultural loss policy when land is acquired for mining or CSG production in order to guarantee future food production.
071 MID NORTH COAST

MT06 That the Association investigate why it is necessary to extract coal seam gas (CSG) at the expense of good farming country and its water supply when there are adequate supplies of natural gas in less sensitive food producing areas such as Central Australia.
246 COONABARABRAN

Pipe Line Construction

MT07 That the Association lobby the NSW Government to enact legislation that ensures that pipelines are not approved until the approval body has ensured that the construction techniques to be used are the best available for minimising the impact on farm productivity.
094 CANOWINDRA

Mining

MT08 That the Association lobby for fair and equitable compensation to farmers & graziers for land degradation created by resource exploration and mining activities.
085 URALLA

MT09 That the Association Contact the Local Government and Shire Councils to ensure that Local Governments will contact all landholders affected by any proposed exploration licence's within the shire for coal seam gas under the Petroleum Act and or any exploration licences's under the Mining Act.
073 COONAMBLE

MT10 That the Association endeavour to see that farmers be thoroughly informed (with 6 months notice) of prospective land and aerial surveying of their land by Government and Private Agencies when searching mineral/gas resources.
139 DUBBO

MT11 That the Association Develop a schedule of fees that are appropriate to charge when approached by external bodies for access agreements.
166 COOLAH

MT12 That the Association lobby the State Government to ban Coal Mining and Coal Seam Methane exploration from prime agricultural land.
198 SCONE

MT13 That the Association lobby the State Government to provide landholder assistance for the negotiation of exploration access agreements.
039 MERRIWA

MT14 That the Association lobby the State and Federal Governments to prevent mining and energy companies compulsorily reforesting productive agricultural land as an offset for clearing vegetation for mining or gas developments.
040 MERRIWA

ORGANISATION

Committee Member Selection

OR01 That the Association makes Advisory Committees comprise of no more than two members from any one region.
114 GUNDAGAI

Committee Membership

OR02 That the Association ensure that Executive Council Advisory Committees have no more than two members from any one region.
016 NORTH STAR

Composition of Grains Committee

OR03 That the Association grain growers be represented on the grains committee by no more than one person from each region.
082 URALLA, 193 GARAH

2011 POLICY MOTIONS

Advisory Committees

OR04 That the Association change the electoral system for advisory committees of the Association so that no committee person can have continuous membership of an individual committee of more than 5 years
116 PARKES

Board Members

OR05 That the Association investigate appointing two independent external directors to the board whilst limiting the total board numbers to nine directors.
111 GUNDAGAI

President Election

OR06 That the Association President be elected for an initial term of 2 years and thereafter annually.
113 GUNDAGAI

NSW Farmers' Policy Statement

OR07 That each District Council be given a yearly copy of the current policy statement of NSW Farmers' Association
091 POTTINGER

Policy

OR08 That the Association convene a working group to review how we define, action and deliver policy.
117 GUNDAGAI

Motion Implementation

OR09 That the Association ensure that one member upon each Advisory Committee deals with a specific motion be required to personally contact that D.C. to discuss the progress of that motion.
236 YOUNG

Alliance with WFI

OR10 That the Association seriously consider withdrawing their partnership with Wesfarmers Federation Insurance (WFI) because of Wesfarmer's adverse attitude to the profitability of our meat, milk, vegetable and other primary production in NSW and Australia.
182 NORTH COAST

RURAL AFFAIRS

Health Care Package Funding

RA01 That the Association lobby the State and Federal Governments to ensure that the provision and delivery of State and Federal Government funded health care packages:

- i. be made more accountable and transparent;
- ii. be tailored to meet individual recipient's needs especially those in rural and remote areas;
- iii. that Consumer Directed Care packages be more widely promoted, and that people, particularly rural people be made aware that these packages are available.

195 GARAH

RFS Levy on Insurance Premiums

RA02 That the Association lobbies the NSW Government to ensure the immediate implementation of their pre-election promise for an inquiry into the emergency services levy.
064 COWRA

Sustainable Food and Fibre Policy

RA03 That the Association's Sustainable Food and Fibre policy be progressively broadened as required to, cover active long term sustainable management of our natural resources.
242 COONABARABRAN

Financial Assistance for Rural Students

RA04 The Association lobby the Federal Govt to provide financial assistance to dependant children from rural areas for tertiary education and living expenses.
038 MERRIWA

Drought

RA05 That the Association lobby that all state based drought aid be redistributed to DPI's agricultural research and extension budget.
068 COWRA

RA06 That the Association pursue a long term low interest loan scheme whereby young farmers could purchase and develop unproductive land requiring remediation.
240 COONABARABRAN

Floods

RA07 That the Association lobby the insurance industry and relevant Government authorities to seek a common definition of "floods" and "storm events" to be used in all insurance policies.
020 JUNEE

2011 POLICY MOTIONS

Disaster Relief Funding

RA08 That the Association lobby the State Government to simplify the grant and loan process in N.S.W for disaster recovery funding.
110 PARKES

ABC Rural Radio

RA09 That the Association start an immediate campaign to reverse the current ABC Rural radio trial of merging rural reports across the State.
230 ORANGE

Rural Liaison Committees

RA10 That the Association lobby the Local Government and Shires Association (LGSA) to establish Rural Liaison Committees in each N.S.W. Local Government area with agricultural holdings to facilitate the resolution of Local Government issues that impact on primary production. (These could be modelled on the Wollondilly Rural Liaison Committee that includes equal representation of farmers, or their representatives, and representatives of the Council.)
021 GOULBURN

Natural Disasters

RA11 That the Association aid the recovery of rural towns and areas after disasters such as floods, fire and drought by publicising when business are back in operation.
095 CANOWINDRA

Daylight Saving

RA12 That the Association lobby the State Government to shorten daylight saving by one month either side of existing dates.
247 COONABARABRAN, 007 COOLAMON

SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE

Carbon Tax

- ST01** That the Association continue to strongly oppose a carbon tax or a price on carbon.
009 COOLAMON
- ST02** That the Association lobby for, the best possible return and optimum outcome, for farmers, from any potential carbon price or carbon trading scheme.
036 MOLONGLO
- ST03** That the Association undertake a major advertising campaign to explain to the general public the carbon tax costs plus the fact that this tax will do nothing to reduce the CO2 of global warming.
172 NARRABRI

Carbon Services

ST04 That the Association investigates the potential of providing carbon credit services to members in the context of any potential voluntary carbon farming market.
257 SUSTAINABILITY TASKFORCE

Strategic Planning

ST05 That the Association calls on the NSW and Federal Governments to require Government agencies across water, planning, mining, environmental and infrastructure areas to develop detailed integrated plans and information systems as a framework for sustainable development in regional Australia.
258 SUSTAINABILITY TASKFORCE

Urban Agriculture

ST06 That the Association investigates new technologies and planning systems for agriculture in urban and peri-urban areas and calls on Government to support innovation in sustainable urban agriculture.
259 SUSTAINABILITY TASKFORCE

Education

ST07 That the Association calls on Government to systematically introduce agricultural, vegetation, soil and water topics into general school curricula at all levels so as to help ensure that children understand the realities of food and fibre production.
260 SUSTAINABILITY TASKFORCE

Sustainable Production

ST08 That the Association calls on Government to provide a major RD&E and grants program aimed at securing the economic, social and environmental sustainability of agricultural production.
256 SUSTAINABILITY TASKFORCE

Carbon Emissions

ST09 That the Association pressure the NSW Government to expand and upgrade the rural rail network so as to reduce carbon emissions.
058 BARMEDMAN BRANCH

Wind Farms

ST10 That the Association develop guidelines for legal agreements governing the building of wind farms.
165 COOLAH

Feed In Tariff

ST11 That the Association pursue a feed-in tariff rate, for all renewable energy that can be generated on-farm, which is at least equal to the retail price.
083 GRENFELL

2011 POLICY MOTIONS

Renewable Technology

- ST12** That the Association calls on the Federal Government to provide a targeted RD&E and grants program for renewable technology in regional Australia.
254 SUSTAINABILITY TASKFORCE

Energy Security

- ST13** That the Association calls on the Federal Government to undertake a comprehensive study of Australia's present and future energy needs, addressing conventional and renewable energy options, distribution infrastructure and the potential for off-grid energy supply in regional and remote areas.
255 SUSTAINABILITY TASKFORCE

Renewable Energy

- ST14** That the Association pursue the Federal Government to look at incentives to encourage the use of sustainable energy by Australian households.
090 POTTINGER

Climate Change

- ST15** That the Association seek a policy to reduce the national carbon footprint by regulating the power generating and motor vehicle industries, as well as promoting renewable energy sources, rather than by putting a price on carbon".
157 GUYRA

Buffer Zone

- ST16** That the Association lobby the State Government to have a requirement of a bare fire break of 40 meters around all carbon credit tree plantations and that the maximum size of any plantation be 40ha.
196 TULLAMORE

Strategic Planning

- ST17** That the Association lobby all levels of Government to develop policies to secure productive farming land be retained for Agricultural production.
183 BARRABA

WOOL

OJD

- W01** Pending the outcome of the current OJD review that the association seek a balanced approach with regard to OJD management in the future that is:
- evidence based
 - demonstrates a clear cost benefit
 - non-discrimitory
- 126 YASS

- W02** That it be Association Policy that from the 1st July 2012, in relation to Ovine Johnes Disease, the trading and movement of sheep be reliant on information declared on the relevant Sheep Health Statement, rather than on any regulatory mechanism/programme.
134 YASS

- W03** That the Association oppose abattoir surveillance for the control of OJD in NSW.
135 YASS

- W04** That the Association:
- call for a review of the ABC Scheme based on scientific rigour with a particular focus on the points given to MAP producers compared to vaccinates.
 - discloses plans for continuation of the MAP programme.
- 227 MUDGEES

- W05** That the Association lobby to have Gudair vaccine available at a cheaper price.
125 YASS

Mulesing of sheep

- W06** That the Association assist AWI to promote alternative ways to mules.
003 ARMIDALE

Funding Mulesing Audits

- W07** That the Association objects strongly to the use of AWI funds to audit mulesing declarations.
061 COBAR BRANCH

Sheep/Wool Lice

- W08** That the Association lobby to have funding continue, into research, to produce an instant "in shed" test for lice.
035 MOLONGLO

Decentralised Wool Trading

- W09** That in the interest of achieving improved supply chain efficiency the Association support the development of an efficient and interactive decentralised mechanism for trading wool.
261 WOOL INDUSTRY COMMITTEE

Wool

- W10** That the Association call together all sections of the Wool industry with a view to building a strategy to address the shortage of shearers and shed hands.
215 RANKINS SPRINGS



NSW Farmers' Association

Level 25, 66 Goulburn Street, Sydney
GPO Box 1068, Sydney NSW 2001

Member Service Centre: 1300 794 000
www.nswfarmers.org.au

ABN 31 000 004 651