

# Media Release

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## Farmers welcome new leadership team

The NSW Farmers' Association welcomes the appointment of Nathan Rees as the Premier of NSW and Carmel Tebbutt as Deputy Premier, and says it's looking forward to working with the new leadership team.

NSW Farmers' Association President Jock Laurie says the Association would also like to recognise outgoing Premier Morris Iemma, and Deputy John Watkins.

"We are eager to begin discussions with the new leadership of the State Labor Party immediately," Mr Laurie said.

"There are many issues we are keen to see the State Government address, and there is an expectation in rural NSW that this will be done in a timely fashion," he said.

"Issues such as land use planning and the interaction of mining and agriculture, water pricing and supply, transport and infrastructure, drought support and regional community programs are very pressing at this time.

"We will begin work immediately to bring the new faces of State Labor up to speed on the issues of rural and regional NSW.

"While we are awaiting Premier Rees' announcement of his Cabinet, we believe this is an ideal opportunity to address these issues in a serious and meaningful way, and ensure country NSW is looked after by this Government," Mr Laurie concluded.

Should any of the portfolios relating to the activities of the NSW Farmers' Association change hands, the Association will be commenting further.

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