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Southern farmers talk change

Farmers in the south of NSW are urged to come, listen, discuss and debate *Change – the Stone Age didn't end because we ran out of stone.*

This exciting NSW Farmers' Association Convention for those in the Southern Tablelands, Monaro and South Coast will hear from leaders of industry, with Bungendore farmer and Executive Councillor Howard Crozier saying it's not to be missed.

"What we want to discuss is the changes that we all face, both as farmers and as community members and we hope that is reflected by the broad range of speakers selected," Mr Crozier said.

"The Convention will be held at the National Press Club in Canberra, and we will hear from people such as NSW Farmers' Association President Jock Laurie, Dr Wendy Craik, CEO Murray Darling Basin Commission and Professor Don Aitkin AO, author, political scientist and climate change agnostic," Mr Crozier said.

"Other speakers come from backgrounds as diverse as community development, indigenous land corporation, theological studies and resource economics, so the topics will be widely varied," he said.

"Basically the concept allows for discussions of all sorts, so we are sure there will be something to interest everyone.

"We are very keen to see all of our enthusiastic Members, but we would also love for those not currently involved in the Association to come along and see how in many ways, farmers are leading the way in innovation and change," Mr Crozier concluded.

The Convention will be held on Friday 20 June 2008 at the National Press Club in Canberra from 10am to 4pm and includes a two course lunch with wine.

Bookings are essential for catering and can be made with Howard Crozier, Secretary, Ph 02 6238 1134 Fax 02 6238 0057 email: crozierh@nswfarmers.org.au Russell Deane, Chairman, Ph 0427 900 592. Registration form can be found at www.nswfarmers.org.au.

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