

2009 ANNUAL CONFERENCE MOTION OUTCOMES

RURAL AFFAIRS		
Motion No	Motion	Outcome
UM1	Amendment: Youth Allowance That the Association, as a matter of urgency, lobby the Federal Government to make sure any changes to Youth Allowance eligibility criteria do not selectively disadvantage rural students and that any changes already made not be retrospectively implemented.	CARRIED
RA01	Drought Freight Subsidy Rebates That the Association lobby for the NSW Government to reduce the length of time (from 2 months to 1 month) stock have to be adjusted before the Freight Subsidy Rebate claim can be made through the Livestock Health and Pest Authorities.	CARRIED
RA02	Amendment: Hurlstone Agricultural High School That the Association vigorously oppose the sale of the farm land which is a part of Hurlstone Agricultural High School.	CARRIED
RA03	Education - Isolated Children That the Association lobby the Department of Education and Training to place remote rural schools qualifying as 8 point transfer incentive schools, (9 similar high schools, all in western Division) such as the Walgett Community College High School on the "Limited Programme List" so students living in or near these schools qualify for the Assistance for Isolated Children's (AIC) Boarding Allowance under section 4.1.3 of the 2008 guidelines.	CARRIED
RA04	Education - Skills Recognition for Farmers That the Association approach the Government to explore the establishment of a program where farmers could have their skills recognised by a form of accreditation to assist in opportunities for off farm work.	Procedural Motion that this Motion be left on the table
RA05	Higher Education Course Costs That the Association lobby the Federal Government to subsidize 75% of the cost of agricultural related higher education courses where individuals will commit themselves to the agricultural industry for 5 years.	Procedural Motion that this Motion be left on the table
RA06	Amendment: Austudy and Youth Allowance That the Association lobby the Federal Government to modify Centrelink's Aus-Study and Youth Allowance payments so that: (a) if a student exceeds their \$6000 income-bank threshold, they continue to receive their full entitlement to the Centrelink benefit; (b) Centrelink maintains current means testing arrangements for the study benefits; however, monies that are currently extinguished by a student's extra employment remains the student's, but is utilised by the Commonwealth to reduce the students HECS debt; (c) the eligibility criteria be investigated.	CARRIED
RA07	Telecommunications That the Association lobby for 100% mobile phone coverage in NSW.	CARRIED

RA08	Amendment: Telecommunications That the Association lobby the Federal Government for the upgrade of telephone exchanges that have been excluded from the proposed National Broadband Network (NBN) upgrade on the basis of exchange population in order to provide an NBN equivalent service to those areas.	CARRIED
RA09	Fire Services Levy That the Association lobby the NSW Government to have the State Emergency Service and fire levies based on rateable land and levied through local council rather than through levies on insurance policies which result in inequitable contributions and an inefficient mode of collection.	CARRIED
RA10	Bushfire Hazard Reduction That the Association seek Government policy change to encourage landholders who can prove their experience in bushfire hazard reduction on their land to continue that practice without a need for environmental assessment or the involvement of the Rural Fire Service directly in the burn.	CARRIED
RA11	Natural Disaster Assistance That the Association lobby Government to ensure the various levels of assistance provided to primary producers following Natural Disasters are consistent.	CARRIED
RA12	Natural Disaster Assistance - Eligibility Criteria That the Association call for a review of the eligibility criteria to access Natural Disaster assistance funding through the Rural Assistance Authority.	CARRIED
RA13	Rural Electoral Seats That the Association oppose the loss of further rural electoral seats in any proposed NSW Government and Federal redistribution.	CARRIED
RA14	Firearm Licences That the Association seek to have firearm licences for the "rural occupation" classification fee exempt, as in "Primary Producer" classification. Current Licence fees for the "Rural Occupation" Classification are \$100 for two years and \$200 for 5 years.	CARRIED
RA15	Amendment: Daylight Saving That as a matter of urgency the Association lobby for daylight saving to be shortened to 4 months (November – February).	CARRIED
RA16	Amendment: Youth Allowance That the Association urge the Federal Government to halve the income test and post-secondary school waiting time (currently 18 months) before tertiary students are considered to have independent status to access Youth Allowance thereby encouraging more tertiary study, removing financial strain on parents and freeing up the casual labour market in which many of these students are now working of necessity.	CARRIED
RA17	Fire Control That the Association insist that the NSW Government maintain its current partnership with the Rural Fire Service rather than bringing in contractors to perform hazard reduction operations and back burning in NSW Forestry and National Parks.	Motion withdrawn
RA18	Mental Wellbeing Counselling That the Association encourage the Federal Government to continue to provide funding for the "On Farm Counselling Initiative" which aims to improve the mental wellbeing of farmers.	CARRIED

GENERAL		
Motion No	Motion	Outcome
GE01	Livestock Health and Pest Authorities That the Association lobby for the abolition of Livestock Health and Pest Authorities and the disbursement of its functions to the Department of Primary Industries and Local and NSW Government agencies as in other States.	LOST
GE02	Livestock Health and Pest Authorities That the Association oppose any move to disband the Livestock Health and Pest Authorities.	Procedural Motion that this Motion be left on the table
GE03	Livestock Health and Pest Authorities That the Association lobby the NSW Government to conduct an immediate revision of the Livestock Health and Pest Authority rates based on the following criteria: a) Dispense with the animal health levy for non livestock holdings; b) That arable landholdings pay the base rate plus pest insect levy only; c) That all land zoned as minimum holdings pay a base levy; and d) That carrying capacity be based on actual animal/livestock numbers taken from the land and stock returns.	Referred to Livestock Health and Pest Authority Taskforce established at Annual Conference
GE04	Livestock Health and Pest Authorities That the Association lobby the NSW Government to: a) Retain notional carrying capacity and not land area as the basis for Livestock Health and Pest Authority rating from 2010; b) Have holdings down to 4 hectares included again in minimum Livestock Health and Pest Authority rating; and c) Have Livestock Health and Pest Authorities reimbursed by Government for National Livestock Identification System regulatory work previously undertaken by the Department of Primary Industries.	Referred to Livestock Health and Pest Authority Taskforce established at Annual Conference
GE05	Livestock Health and Pest Authorities That the Association lobby the NSW Government to limit variations in Livestock Health and Pest Authority rates to +/- 10% of the 2009 rate.	Referred to Livestock Health and Pest Authority Taskforce established at Annual Conference
GE06	Livestock Health and Pest Authorities That the Association, in the absence of any suitable alternative structures to the Livestock Health and Pest Authorities, lobby, targeting the following: a) Delivery of a more equitable rating system; b) A cap on further growth of State Councils growing bureaucracy; c) State Council and Livestock Health and Pest Authority operation is transparent and accountable; d) Representation of rate payers is strengthened; and e) State Council is accountable to ratepayers.	Referred to Livestock Health and Pest Authority Taskforce established at Annual Conference
GE07	Livestock Health and Pest Authorities That the Association request the Minister for Primary Industries to regularly publicise the budget for levies raised from Livestock Health and Pest Authority ratepayers including the Pest Insect Levy.	Referred to Livestock Health and Pest Authority Taskforce established at Annual Conference
GE08	Livestock Health and Pest Authorities	Referred to

	That the Association seek a review of the Livestock Health and Pest Authority structure so that local offices are maintained.	Livestock and Health and Pest Authority Taskforce established at Annual Conference
GE09	Livestock Health and Pest Authorities That the Association lobby for an independent ombudsman type body to audit the effectiveness of the newly formed Livestock Health and Pest Authorities.	Referred to Livestock Health and Pest Authority Taskforce established at Annual Conference
GE10	Export Certification Subsidy That the Association lobby the Federal Government to retain the export certification subsidy.	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
GE11	Agricultural Research That the Association strongly oppose any closure of any research facilities that help in servicing agriculture in NSW.	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
GE12	Agricultural Research That the Association lobby the NSW and Federal Government to use the Department of Primary Industries Research Stations which are earmarked for closure as model farms for educating farmers on agricultural practices which are sustainable economically, environmentally and socially and sequester commercial quantities of carbon.	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
GE13	Agricultural Research That the Association highlight the loss of scientific research personnel who undertake agricultural research and development.	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
GE14	Government Agricultural Funding That the Association deplore the NSW Government funding cutbacks, reductions to resource allocation and the proposed sell-offs affecting the NSW Department of Primary Industries.	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
GE15	Plague Locusts That the Association lobby the NSW Government to have plague locust outbreaks classed as a natural disaster.	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
GE16	Pest Insect Levy That the Association lobby the Department of Primary Industries to retain the pest insect levy collected by each district Livestock Health and Pest Authority not affected by plague locusts, to remain within that area and not centralised to Orange.	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
GE17	Amendment: Pest Insect Levy That the Association lobby the NSW Government to allocate money raised through the Pest insect Levy from coastal Livestock Health and Pest Authority areas to the biological control of Fireweed (<i>senecio madagascariensis</i>) for one year only.	CARRIED
GE18	Plague Locust Control That the Association lobby the NSW Government so that the Australian Plague Locust Commission is given greater access to private land, property titles and ownership to enable more efficient and timely control of plague locusts.	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
GE19	Government Land Purchases That the Association insist that when Government purchases property they continue to pay costs associated with the ownership of that purchase eg. all rates, water charges, 1/2 fencing, weed and pest control and Government levies.	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
GE20	Red Tape	Referred to October

	That the Association demand a reduction in red tape from all Government.	Executive Council meeting
GE21	Sale of Government Land That the Association lobby Government to give consideration to selling crown grazing land including land owned by State owned corporations before any consideration is given to further selling of education or research facility land.	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
GE22	Chemical Card Accreditation That the Association opposes the current form of chemical card accreditation and request a reduction in the cost and an extension to the period of accreditation.	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
GE23	Chemical Accreditation - Fox Baits That the Association lobby for the removal of the requirement for chemical accreditation for the use of fox baits.	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
GE24	Declaration of Products - Members Code of Conduct That the Association investigate the feasibility of Members signing a Code of Conduct which involves a declaration of ethical animal husbandry, sustainable land use practices and chemical use recording which would enable them to use a NSW Farmers' Association logo when selling livestock, grain and agricultural products.	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
GE25	Animal health and livestock surveillance programs That the Association lobby the NSW Government to contribute to funding for animal health and livestock surveillance programs.	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
GE26	Food labelling – Biotechnology That the Association support the Food Standards of Australia and New Zealand labelling requirements of any food produced using biotechnology.	CARRIED
GE27	Registration of Pig Hunting Dogs That the Association lobby the NSW Government to require the specific registration of dogs used for hunting feral pigs.	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
GE28	Food Production and Food Security That the Association seek to increase the awareness of Governments and the community in general about future food production and food security.	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
GE29	Livestock Health and Pest Authority District Vet Costs That the Association lobby the NSW Government to pay 50% of the Livestock Health and Pest Authority District Vet's total costs, in light of the general community benefit provided by the community vets.	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
GE30	Foot and Mouth Disease Trials That the Association strongly oppose any trials using live foot and mouth viruses in Australia.	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
GE31	Use of Bromoxynil That the Association lobby the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority to undertake additional research to establish a workable withholding period or export slaughter interval for Bromoxynil based herbicides used in grazing holdings for the control of Fireweed.	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
GE32	Local Government Areas and Services That the Association lobby the NSW Government to oppose amalgamations of Local Government Areas, or Local Government services such as water and sewerage, unless it can be demonstrated that there will be substantial cost savings to be gained from such amalgamations.	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
GE33	Industry Levy Funds That the Association looks into where our industry levy monies	Referred to October Executive Council

	are going and that they do not end up being used against us, or do not become a source of funds for others to develop a career upon.	meeting
GE34	<p>Negative Media Publicity That the Association be more proactive against negative publicity issued by anti-farm groups and consider the following themes:</p> <p>a) conservation farming practices have reduced emissions, and increased carbon sequestration, which should also be highlighted in the land clearing debate; b) Trees should not be planted on good farming land; and c) substitute beef with kangaroo meat.</p>	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
GE35	<p>ABC Radio That the Association express to ABC radio:</p> <p>a) the dismay of Members at the change in focus of speciality rural programs from having a high level of detail of interest to and directed at primary producers to more 'general rural interest' programs thus losing value to professional agriculturalists; b) outline to the ABC the value that Members have found in rural programs such as "The Rural Report" and "The Country Hour" in the past; and c) request that the ABC employ journalists with agricultural qualifications and/or backgrounds, and provide suitable training for journalists as necessary to ensure that the speciality rural programs regain their relevance to practicing farmers.</p>	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
GE36	<p>Travelling Stock Reserves That the Association seek that a Travelling Stock Reserve system is maintained.</p>	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
GE37	<p>Price of Grain and Livestock products That the Association when pointing out to Governments the value of farming to the general population, emphasises what the price of grain and livestock products would be if these prices had increased in line with inflation over the years.</p>	Referred to October Executive Council meeting

CLIMATE CHANGE		
Motion No	Motion	Outcome
CC01	Climate Change - Public Relations That the Association act to correct mis-information in the media about agriculture's contribution to greenhouse gas emissions.	CARRIED
CC02	Amendment: Inclusion of Agricultural Emissions in the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme That the Association opposes the inclusion of food and fibre production emissions in the CPRS until: a) Major economies, including the USA, the EU and China, also include agricultural emissions in emissions trading schemes; b) Australian food and fibre production emissions can be estimated with a degree of accuracy and confidence comparable to the estimation of emissions from other sectors; c) Technically and economically feasible abatement options have been proven and accredited for all sectors of agriculture; d) A feasible and efficient administration model for point of obligation has been articulated by government that provides a clear positive incentive to individual farmers, and which also prevents the transfer of administrative costs or carbon liability to farmers by other participants in the agricultural supply chain; and e) Credit is given for all carbon sequestration occurring within farming systems including short duration carbon storage.	CARRIED
CC03	Opposition to Emissions Trading Scheme That the Association should implement a "no carbon trading" policy until the more controversial issues (ie: factual and scientific) are resolved.	Considered and Incorporated into CC02
CC04	Climate Change - Scientific rigour That the Association continue to seek more scientific rigour in the climate change debate.	CARRIED
CC05	Climate Change - Scientific rigour In the interest of determining the science behind climate change, that the Association lobby for a Royal Commission into whether the activities of mankind are responsible for causing any change.	CARRIED
CC06	Emissions Trading Scheme That the Association lobby the Federal Government to include abattoirs as a part of agriculture in the Carbon Emissions Trading Scheme.	Motion withdrawn
CC07	Emissions Trading Scheme That the Association recognizes that future carbon pollution reduction schemes will have a significant negative impact on farmers' viability and to minimise this impact the Association will: a) actively lobby to have all agricultural carbon sequestration included in any future carbon pollution reduction scheme; b) oppose any move to place penalties on agricultural emissions unless agricultural carbon sequestration is also included; and c) oppose any move to place penalties on 'down stream processors' which does not allow individual farmers to offset any such penalty.	Considered and Incorporated into CC02

CC08	Emissions Trading Scheme That the Association ensure soil carbon be recognised in any debate on Emissions Trading Scheme negotiations.	Considered and Incorporated into CC02
CC09	Emission Trading Scheme That the Association develop policies for the issues of climate change and carbon trading with the long term objective to maintain sustainable food production.	Considered and Incorporated into CC02
CC10	Emissions Trading Scheme That the Association investigate the impact on the farming community of increased input costs by not being included in a carbon emissions trading scheme which will commence in 2011.	Referred to the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme Committee
CC11	Emissions Trading Scheme That the Association argue that reduction of carbon emissions into the atmosphere should be from a reduction in the use of fossil, carbon, plastics and urban activity rather than flowing from the introduction of carbon-based taxes - which should be avoided.	Referred to Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme Committee
CC12	Research & Development That the Association increase its efforts to represent agriculture positively in the climate debate and actively push for research and development projects to establish the emission and sequestration position of different agricultural enterprises.	Referred to Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme Committee

CONSERVATION & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT		
Motion No	Motion	Outcome
UM2	Water That the Association lobby the NSW Government to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Follow the QLD Government's decision in ruling the use of evaporative ponds for coal seam gas waste water, as an environmental hazard. b. Be actively involved in the formation of an Inland Aquifers Interference Bill currently under review with Department of Water and Environment. 	CARRIED
UM3	Coal Mining That the CRM Committee review the coal mining policies and motions of the Association to be inclusive of coal seam gas.	CARRIED
UM6	Irrigation Water That the NSW Farmers support Lachlan Valley Water Inc and the 600 general security license holders in the Lachlan and Belubula Valleys in calling on the NSW State Government to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. To suspend the G.S fixed water charges for the 2009/10 water year. This would alleviate the extreme pressure being placed on irrigators in the longest drought on record; and b. To pay all general security fixed charges for the 2009/10 water year on behalf of license holders from the NSW Government drought fund. 	CARRIED
CR01	Mining That the Association lobby the NSW and Federal Government for the identification and protection of "Future Food" lands from disruptive or extractive industries to ensure Australia's future food security.	CARRIED
CR02	Mining That the Association lobby the NSW Government to impose a moratorium on awarding of coal and gas exploration licences on flood plains with underground aquifer systems in the Murray Darling Basin until the results of the independent catchment wide study are known.	CARRIED
CR03	Amendment: Mining That the Association lobby the NSW Government to commence and maintain comprehensive health and environmental data collection in mining and surrounding areas across the State.	CARRIED
CR04	Amendment: Mining That the Association lobby the NSW Government to require that all current and future explorations be conducted in such a way as to contribute accurate and informative data into a regional catchment wide independent water study.	CARRIED
CR05	Mining That the Association lobby the Government to disclose the financial benefits that the State receives from mining royalties as well as the proportion which is returned to the regional area of NSW.	CARRIED
CR06	Amendment: Mining That the Association lobby the NSW Government to develop regional plans that determine and permanently protect productive agricultural lands under a new land use	LOST

	classification system.	
CR07	Mining That the Association lobby the Federal and NSW Government so that the mining industry is subject to the same land management regulations as is the agricultural industry.	CARRIED
CR08	Water That the Association oppose that unused high security water be eligible to be carried over.	LOST
CR09	Water That the Association apply pressure to the NSW Department of Water and Energy to honour their funding commitments under the Great Artesian Basin Sustainability Initiative Round 2 Cap & Pipe the Bores program.	CARRIED
CR10	Native Vegetation: Rates Exemption That the Association lobby the NSW Government to remove local and Livestock Health and Pest Authority rates on any native vegetation that is it now illegal to clear, as this is now not farming land, but defacto National Park, which is exempt from all rates.	Procedural Motion that this Motion be left on the table
CR11	Amendment: Water That the Association lobby for a mechanism to be developed whereby farmers might access environment water for on farm environmental projects.	CARRIED
CR12	Water That the Association and the National Farmers Federation endorse a 10% cap on the purchase of environmental water from each valley/system until the Federal Government provides a transparent plan on the following: a) Where the environmental water will be used; b) An assurance that environmental flows will be shared across river/creek systems in each State; and c) The delivery of environmental water will not jeopardise existing property rights.	Motion withdrawn
CR13	Water That the Association oppose the formation of any inland aquatic parks on the Murray River and its tributaries.	CARRIED
CR14	Water That the Association lobby that future timber plantation planting projects situated in catchment areas of the State be required to purchase sufficient water entitlements to compensate downstream users for the water that would no longer leave the area as runoff. The entitlement quantity should be calculated using the NSW Government guidelines on storing runoff on their properties.	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
CR15	Water That the Association lobby both NSW and Federal Governments to ensure that prior to granting approval for the exploitation of underground aquifers to supplement metropolitan water supplies, the NSW Government ensures: a) That such action is consistent with the Commonwealth Government's National Water Initiative; b) That water pricing is used more effectively to control the demand for potable water; c) That the introduction of recycled water into metropolitan water supplies be introduced as a matter of priority; and d) That Government owned water utilities are allowed to retain depreciation to enable water and sewerage reticulation	Referred to October Executive Council meeting

	systems to be properly maintained.	
CR16	Water That the Association lobby the NSW Government to institute a State wide program for the compulsory storage of rain water in new dwelling approvals.	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
CR17	Water That the Association lobby the Federal and NSW Government to develop a program to harvest rain water which otherwise would flow out to sea.	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
CR18	Native Vegetation: Classification of Irrigation Infrastructure That the Association lobby the NSW Government to achieve water efficiency, an upgrade of irrigation systems and to meet the Native Vegetation Act, irrigation infrastructure must be classified as Farm Infrastructure.	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
CR19	Native Vegetation: New Plantings as Offsets That the Association lobby the NSW Government to allow new tree plantings as "off-sets" where clearing is needed to achieve irrigation upgrades or water efficiency options.	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
CR20	Pest Animals: Corellas That the Association lobby the NSW Government to remove the Corella from the protected list.	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
CR21	Pest Animals: Flying Foxes That the Association lobby the NSW Government to remove the Flying Fox from the protected list.	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
CR22	Pest Animals: White Cockatoos That the Association lobby the NSW Government to remove the White Cockatoo from the protected list.	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
CR23	Pest Animals: Rabbits That the Association lobby the NSW and Federal Governments to reintroduce effective funding to undertake research into effective rabbit control measures.	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
CR24	Pest Animals: Wild Dogs That the Association continue to lobby Government for a fully integrated and coordinated approach to control wild dogs on private and public lands, providing more resources and supplying all the tools to bring these pest animals to a sustainable level.	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
CR25	Pest Animals: Wild Dogs That the Association appeal to the NSW Government for total funding for the employment of contract dog trappers on land under the Wild Dog Association Program.	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
CR26	Pest Animals: Wild Deer That the Association lobby the NSW Government to have wild deer re-classified from game to feral.	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
CR27	Pest animals: Foxes That the Association seek the introduction of a bounty on foxes.	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
CR28	National Parks: Hazard Reduction That the Association continue to promote: a) the cool burning of unused land areas; and b) the use of livestock to reduce herbage build-up in National Parks and Reserves.	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
CR29	National Parks: Hazard Reduction That the Association and National Farmers Federation lobby the Ministers for Agriculture and the Australian Government to introduce grazing in all National Parks.	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
CR30	National Parks: Hazard Reduction	Referred to October

	That the Association lobby the NSW Government to open up National Parks for more recreational use by the general public, with all roads and fire trails well maintained.	Executive Council meeting
CR31	Landuse Planning That the Association seek to have repealed that section of the Local Government Act (S. 448) requiring Councillors to declare a pecuniary interest in relation to land they or associated parties own when they are required to consider changes in the permissible use of land.	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
CR32	Fencing Riparian zones That the Association lobby Government with the aim of allowing contracts entered into by landholders receiving funds to fence out riparian zones and farm dams to be varied in the event that an area is declared as a natural disaster area.	Referred to October Executive Council meeting

GRAINS		
Motion No	Motion	Outcome
UM9	Wheat Marketing That the Association work to ensure that the Terms of Reference of the Review of the Wheat Export Marketing Act 2008 include the extension of powers for wheat Exports Australia to require it to bench mark the performance of all accredited exporters and publish export information in the interest of market transparency.	CARRIED
G01	Amendment: Wheat Marketing That the Association actively lobby the Federal Government and the Opposition parties for the amendment of the export wheat legislation to improve the marketing system for the export of bulk wheat. This would be managed by a grower owned and controlled not for profit entity.	CARRIED
G02	Wheat Marketing That the Association lobby the Federal Government and the Opposition parties to reintroduce an orderly marketing system for the export wheat market.	Deemed covered by G01
G03	Wheat Exports That the Association pursue changes to the Wheat Export Marketing Act 2008 that ensure the Wheat Export Australia: a) Revokes export accreditation of any licenced exporter who compromises the reputation of Australian export wheat; b) Enforces location differentials between wheat receival silo sites; c) Waives the \$3,344.00 fee applicable to the reconsideration of a licenced wheat exporter; d) Enforces the port access undertakings from the Bulk Handling Authority; and e) Publishes the warehouse grain stocks and shipments on a weekly basis.	CARRIED
G04	Amendment: Wheat Marketing That the Association call on the Federal Government to fund a comprehensive study on the economic and social impact of wheat export deregulation as contained in the Wheat Marketing Act 2008.	CARRIED
G05	Wheat Marketing and Location Differentials That the Wheat Export Marketing Act 2008 be amended to provide Wheat Exports Australia with the power to enforce location differentials between receival sites.	Motion withdrawn
G06	Accredited Wheat Exporters That the Association investigate the feasibility of making available to Members a list of preferred Wheat Export Australia accredited wheat exporters.	LOST
G07	Grain pricing That the Association promote the creation of an independent website that all buyers can register their cash and any other pricing options at all receival depots.	CARRIED
G08	Grain Terms of Payment That the Association lobby grain industry bodies and marketers to implement 7 day payment terms for all grain trades.	CARRIED
G09	Wheat Payments That the Association work towards the reinstatement of a wheat "payment for quality" scheme along the lines of	CARRIED

	"Golden Rewards".	
G10	Grains Buyers That the Association insist that the NSW and Federal Governments require fiduciary qualifications from both domestic and export grain buyers before issuing them with a grain buying licence.	LOST
G11	Promotion of Australian Grain That the Association lobby the Federal Government for the establishment of a trade advocacy group tasked with the promotion of Australian grain to export markets.	LOST
G12	Protection of Grain Growers That the Association demand from the Federal Government that due to the loss of the single desk, all grain product that is sold by producers remain their property until fully paid for and legislation be introduced to Parliament for that protection to growers.	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
G13	Genetic Modification That the Association not support the release of any Genetically Modified crop unless the issue surrounding growers and non-growers protection through insurance against litigation due to Genetically Modified contamination is established.	CARRIED
G14	Genetic Modification That the Association recognises the success of Genetically Modified cotton and the increasing uptake of Genetically Modified canola in NSW and proactively supports research and development and market and trade discussions for future Genetically Modified crops.	CARRIED
G15	Genetic Modification That the Association continue to lobby to protect non Genetically Modified growers from the risks and liabilities involved with the commencement of producing of Genetically Modified food crops, and that the onus of responsibility must be on the grower of Genetically Modified crops for detrimental effects on non Genetically Modified growers.	CARRIED
G16	Genetic Modification That the Association not support the release of any Genetically Modified food crop until the issue of legal liability insurance is clarified and the Genetically Modified food labelling issues are addressed with truth in labelling.	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
G17	Genetic Modification That the Association demand that both the NSW and Federal Governments ensure that GrainCorp must keep non genetically modified canola and genetically modified canola segregated and nil loss contamination in the 2009 cropping year.	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
G18	Genetic Modification That the Association support a policy of working in collaboration with other relevant parties to seek such action by Government and its regulatory entities that will adequately ensure: a) The independent, comprehensive and scientifically rigorous evaluation of any Genetically Modified ('GM') products, especially but not limited to livestock products, prior to any such products being introduced to the human food chain; b) That in relation to any such GM products there be a requirement for the results of relevant research and	Referred to October Executive Council meeting

	<p>evaluation be subject to full disclosure in the public domain in a manner analogous to the national and international regulatory and evaluation procedures that have been imposed by Governments upon the application of nuclear technology; and</p> <p>c) The unambiguous segregation from the human food chain of any such GM products until such time as the processes for the evaluation of their food safety have been completed and endorsed by Governments and their regulatory agencies.</p>	
G19	<p>Genetic Modification That the Association make certain that the name conventional canola is a description for non - GM canola.</p>	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
G20	<p>Grains Research and Development Corporation That the Association call for an urgent review of the Grains Research and Development Corporation funding model.</p>	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
G21	<p>Grain Rail Freight Rates That the Association lobby the grains industry to provide full transparency to growers on rail freight rates and/or insist on grain contract prices being quoted on a delivered site basis.</p>	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
G22	<p>Rail Freight Location Differentials That the Association request that Grain Trade Australia conduct a complete review of the manner in which rail freight location differentials are calculated to more accurately indicate real freight costs.</p>	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
G23	<p>Freight Differentials That the Association pursue freight differentials that reflect actual freight costs.</p>	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
G24	<p>End Point Royalties That the Association move to have all end point royalties collected by grain buyers and these charges be deducted from the net payment to growers.</p>	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
G25	<p>End Point Royalties That the Association seek a workable End Point Royalties collection scheme, using one collection agency.</p>	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
G26	<p>Plant Breeder Rights That the Association lobby the Government to remove the ban on farmer-to-farmer trading of wheat varieties covered by the Plant Breeders Rights Act to encourage farmers to adopt new varieties that are resistant to rust.</p>	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
G27	<p>Trails of new wheat varieties That the Association approach the NSW Government to have more local independent trails of new wheat varieties.</p>	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
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G28	<p>Wheat Standards That the Association lobby Grain Trade Australia not to increase the test weight measurement for wheat on receivals.</p>	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
G29	<p>District Agronomists That the Association ensures that all District Agronomists are considered as "Front Line" positions and that all current vacant District Agronomist positions be filled immediately.</p>	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
G30	<p>Conventional and Organic Farming That the Association lobby to ensure that conventional farmers have the right to continue to farm alongside organic farmers without suffering any financial disadvantage, and: a) that any buffer zones required by the Organics</p>	Referred to October Executive Council meeting

	<p>Association be placed entirely within the boundaries of the property seeking organic status;</p> <p>b) that disclosure of organic status to all neighbours, Department of Primary Industries and Livestock Health and Pest Authorities is a statutory requirement to be completed by the organic farmer before certification is given; and</p> <p>c) that the Association seek to ensure organic farmers have the same responsibilities with regard to noxious weeds, vermin and plague locusts that are placed on conventional farmers.</p>	
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BUSINESS, ECONOMICS & TRADE		
Motion No	Motion	Outcome
UM7	Rural Land Ownership That rural land remains the property of Australia. If another country or non Australian citizen wants to obtain rural land in Australia it reverts to lease hold and be limited in time to 20 years.	LOST
UM10	Local Government & Rates – Conversion of Enclosed Road to Freehold Title That the Association revisit this topic with the Crown Lands department, with a view to establishing a more realistic valuation outcome formula on behalf of land owners which reflect: a) The unimproved capital value; b) The land use classification; and c) The covenants and easements prevailing.	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
UM11	Supermarket Power That the Association seek a Government Review to investigate the disparity between farm gate and retail prices.	CARRIED
E01	Infrastructure Transport – Rail That the Association lobby the NSW Government to place greater emphasis on the use of rail as against road for the movement of freight and produce and to improve current rail infrastructure with particular reference to the construction of the proposed North South Rail Line (Melbourne to Brisbane).	CARRIED
E02	Transport - Roads and Rail That the Association lobby the NSW Government for the upgrade of roads to cater for the increased heavy vehicle traffic as a result of suspended rail lines.	CARRIED
E03	Transport - Managing Livestock Effluent That the Association opposes the mandatory fitting of effluent tanks to trucks.	CARRIED
E04	Transport - Regional Air Services That the Association initiate urgent discussions with the NSW and Federal Government to develop a strategic plan for an air services network which will deliver certainty, adequacy and affordability for country NSW.	CARRIED
E05	Transport - Blue Mountains That the Association become actively involved in the consultation process by gaining representation on the Consultative Committee regarding an alternate route over the Blue Mountains.	CARRIED
E06	Transport - Transport of Wool Bales That the Association lobby the Roads and Traffic Authority to make allowances for wool bales which are pressed to the specifications of the wool press so they can be transported without oversize restrictions being imposed.	CARRIED
E07	Local Government Rates That the Association seek that all NSW Government and	CARRIED

	Federal Government agencies, such as State Forests and National Parks, pay Local Government rates.	
E08	Local Government & Rates - Rating of Land That the Association seek that in the Local Government General Rural 1A Zone, (proposed primary production zone) smaller landholdings where the principal landuse is residential purposes and not agricultural, are no longer used to determine valuation for rating purposes of the larger properties where the primary use of the land is for agriculture.	Procedural Motion refer to Committee
E09	Local Government & Rates – Rating of Land That the Association seek that in the Local Government Rural Zones valuation for rating purposes be changed to better reflect the true value of land, and that issues such as livestock carrying capacity, services and infrastructure in the area (road, garbage, power and water), restrictions caused by Government or Local Government policies, and the adverse effect that mining may have on the areas be taken into account.	CARRIED
E10	Amendment: Local Government & Rates – Local Government Funding That the Association seek that Local Government receives a fair share of Federal Government tax revenue, such as 2% of GST.	CARRIED
E11	Local Government & Rates – Enclosed Roads That the Association ask the Crown Land Departments to allow landholders, as an alternative to paying rent or purchasing enclosed roads on their properties, to fence off alternative but equivalent areas (in area or dollar terms) which are: a) suitable for planting trees and for which Carbon Credits may be obtained in the future and or b) may contain heritage or other sites of significance which can be preserved by so-doing.	CARRIED
E12	Local Government & Rates – Covenants on Lease Conversions That the Association lobby the NSW Government to remove impractical covenants being applied to perpetual lease conversions to freehold.	CARRIED
E13	Local Government & Rates - Enclosed Road Conversions That the Association lobby the NSW Government to: a) review the delay on Enclosed Road conversions; and b) waive the rent charge when application has been made and application fees paid.	CARRIED
E14	Finance/Tax - Economic Stimulus Spending That the Association lobby Governments to concentrate their stimulus spending on infrastructure projects and business incentives rather than cash payments to selective groups of taxpayers.	CARRIED
E15	Finance/Tax - Investment Allowance Incentive That the Association lobby the Federal Government to extend the 30% investment allowance incentive for a minimum of three years once the current 50% investment allowance has finished at the end of 2009.	CARRIED
E16	Finance/Tax - Finance for Small Business That the Association request the National Farmers Federation to lobby the Federal Government to have the	LOST

	"Rural Credits Department" reinstated into the Reserve Bank's "charter", in order to provide long term low interest finance for small business, which includes "family farms".	
E17	Finance/Tax - Diesel Fuel Rebate That the Association opposes any changes to the fuel tax credit scheme.	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
E18	Finance/Tax - Diesel Fuel Rebate The Association lobby the Federal Government to decouple the fuel tax credit scheme from its excise component and establish a rebate quantum as a portion of the retail price.	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
E19	Energy - Solar Energy Generation Systems That the Association lobby the Federal Government to implement a realistic incentive program to encourage the adoption of sustainable solar energy generation systems across rural Australia.	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
E20	Energy – Ethanol That the Association oppose the anti ethanol alliance's campaign against the mandatory inclusion of 10% ethanol by 2011.	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
E21	Energy - Compressed Natural Gas That the Association investigate the possibility of using Compressed Natural Gas in agriculture.	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
E22	GST Funding for Environmental Projects That the Association lobby for a portion of the Goods and Services Tax which is obtained from commodity sales to be allocated to funding environmental research and development projects.	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
E23	International Trade That the Association oppose any moves by National Farmers Federation to support free trade deals with any tariff protected or agricultural subsidised countries.	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
E24	Recovering Costs Imposed on Agriculture That the Association lobby the Federal Government for a 30% rebate of farm gate proceeds to recover costs imposed on agriculture, such as environmental measures, which are for the benefit of the community as a whole.	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
E25	Compulsory Third Party Insurance That the Association investigate the appropriateness of the costing structure of the Medical Care and Injury Services levy on compulsory third party insurance.	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
E26	Penalties for Predatory Pricing and Cartel Behaviour That the Association support jail sentences for Directors and owners of companies who are prosecuted for engaging in predatory pricing and cartel behaviour.	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
E27	Grant for fodder production and storage equipment That the Association lobby the NSW and Federal Government for a grant system paying 50% of the cost of fodder production and storage equipment which if paid to a producer, excludes that producer from exceptional circumstances drought funding for an appropriate period.	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
E28	Rail Infrastructure - Coal Mining That the Association lobby the NSW Government that no more coal mines which would be dependent upon the rail line from the Hunter Valley to Narrabri be built until that rail line is duplicated.	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
E29	Transport of Export Commodities That the Association: a) develop a long term strategy for inland rail development	Referred to October Executive Council meeting

	and port upgrades with the aim to treble the export tonnage capacity for all export commodities in the next 10 years; b) seek that such development be part of Federal and NSW Government stimulus packages; and c) seek to collaborate with similar interest groups (eg: AWU) to achieve critical mass.	
E30	Vehicle Registration - Farm Trucks That the Association seek an optional primary producer registration system for farm trucks which is based on a 3 yearly/kilometrage basis.	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
E31	Vehicle Registration - Farm Vehicle Registration That the Association seek to have the "Farm Registration" for farm vehicles, that is available to Western Australian farmers, made available to farmers in NSW west of the Newell Highway.	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
E32	Products for Ethanol Production That the Association explore all possibilities of using all fruits, vegetables and grains, that are not suitable for human or animal consumption for Ethanol production.	Referred to October Executive Council meeting

ORGANISATION		
Motion No	Motion	Outcome
OR01	Amendment: Executive Council Review That the Association should as a matter of urgency undertake a major review into the Executive Council System and streamlining the Council's functionality.	CARRIED
OR02	Association Review That the Association conduct a comprehensive review of: a) the methods of management of the activities of the organisation; b) the representative structure of the organisation; and c) the way in which the views of Members are best ascertained.	CARRIED
OR03	Executive Council Special Qualifications That the Association seek that the election of Special Qualification Members to Executive Council is removed from the Constitution.	LOST
OR04	Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme Committee That the Association develop a Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme Committee.	CARRIED
OR05	Association Operating Costs That the Association reduce its operating costs by: a) Reducing Executive Councillor's reimbursement, while retaining the existing number of Executive Councillors; and b) Reducing all capitation fees paid in 2009 by 50%.	LOST
OR06	Nomination Process - Association Advisory Committees That the Association require that nominations for positions on Association Advisory Committees (eg: Grains Committee) close well before Annual Conference so that Members can assess the best people to recommend for election by Executive Council.	Motion withdrawn
OR07	Annual Conference Location That the Association hold its Annual Conference every alternate year in a regional/rural location.	LOST
OR08	Annual Conference That the Association holds its Annual Conference only once every two years and that all business arising would continue to be dealt with at the Executive Council level.	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
OR09	Annual Conference Procedures That the Association ensure that more agenda motions, submitted by District Councils, be debated at Annual Conference by: a) allowing the Chairman of Annual Conference discretion to allocate a time limit for each motion; and b) limiting individual speakers to only one "further heard" extension of time per motion, if called for.	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
OR10	Annual Conference Procedures That the Association endeavour to streamline Annual Conference so that a far greater number of motions presented by Branches are debated at Conference rather than being referred for debate by Executive Council.	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
OR11	National Farmers Federation That the Association, in consultation with other relevant organisations continue efforts to re-invigorate the National Farmers Federation.	Referred to October Executive Council meeting
OR12	Election of Board Members	Referred to October

	That the Association's Board be made up entirely of Members who are elected at Annual Conference by Delegates and Executive Councillors.	Executive Council meeting
OR13	Membership - School Agricultural Departments That the Association provide a low cost membership subscription to school agricultural departments so that agricultural teachers can access information for the education of students interested in agriculture.	Referred to October Executive Council meeting

MEAT & LIVESTOCK		
Motion No	Motion	Outcome
UM4	Animal Welfare Standards & Guidelines- Sheep & Cattle That the Association immediately set up a special Taskforce to scrutinise the proposed standards and guidelines for the welfare of cattle & sheep. This Taskforce is to operate on an as needs basis and be composed of two members each (including the chairman) of the animal welfare, cattle industry, sheep meats & wool committees.	CARRIED
UM5	Animal Welfare – Electroimmobilisation That the Association restate its policy of support of electroimmobilisation for restraint of livestock in the view of attempts in the proposed “standards for the welfare of cattle and sheep” to have the procedure banned.	CARRIED
M01	National Livestock Identification System Sheep and Goats That the Association oppose compulsory electronic tagging of sheep and goats.	CARRIED
M02	Amendment: National Livestock Identification System – Sheep That the Association lobby the NSW Government to reject the introduction of compulsory electronic NLIS tags and transaction tags for sheep in NSW.	CARRIED
M03	National Livestock Identification System – Sheep That the Association strongly oppose any more change to the current sheep National Livestock Identification System tagging requirement.	LOST
M04	Amendment: Cattle Transaction Levy That the Association support that the current \$5 per head transaction levy be retained.	CARRIED
M05	Cattlecare and Flockcare Audits That the Association lobby the Meat and Livestock Australia to standardise Cattlecare and Flockcare audits and incorporate all fees into the Livestock Production Assurance System.	LOST
M06	Amendment: National Vendor Declarations – Sheep That the Association lobby to ensure that the: 1) National Vendor Declarations for sheep movements are fully enforced by all States; and 2) NSW State Government enforce the penalty regulations within NSW.	CARRIED
M07	Amendment: Property Identification Codes That the Association lobby for compulsory Property Identification Codes for all land carrying livestock.	CARRIED
M08	Amendment: Sheep Health and Productivity That the Association encourages Australian Wool Innovation, Meat and Livestock Australia and the Sheep Cooperative Research Centre to fund research into the benefits of minerals/trace element supplements to animal health and productivity and to develop a minimal cost method of testing for these deficiencies in sheep that can be applied on farm.	CARRIED
M09	Sheepmeat Market Development That the Association request Meat and Livestock Australia to prepare a business plan for the development of a sheepmeat brand for two tooth animals that would show what promotional/educational and market development activities	CARRIED

	would be provided by an increase in the levy on their sale.	
M10	<p>Amendment: Breed Societies - Semen & Embryo Storage</p> <p>That the Association seek that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Any domestic breed society that meets the criteria of the Rare Breed Trust of Australia for critical, endangered or vulnerable have 100% of their society semen/embryo storage, stored at a recognised AI facility, with the cost covered by Federal Government under conservation funding or national heritage funding; and b) If the Breed Society folds that genetic material is held in trust by the Federal Government at a site of their choosing in perpetuity. 	CARRIED
M11	<p>Amendment: Breeds of Livestock</p> <p>That the Federal Government develop a register of rare domesticated breeds of livestock in Australia.</p>	CARRIED
M12	<p>Grazing Value of New Crop Varieties</p> <p>That the Association request that the NSW Department of Primary Industries and the Research and Development Corporations for Wool, Meat and Dairy continue their research on the evaluation of grazing crops using livestock as these are the only research trials in Australia which objectively assess the grazing value of new crop varieties under different environments.</p>	CARRIED
M13	<p>Footrot</p> <p>That the Association support the compulsory destocking of properties infected with virulent footrot under the condition that the owner has demonstrated that they are unwilling to eradicate the disease over the previous 5 years.</p>	CARRIED

WOOL		
Motion No	Motion	Outcome
UM12	Sheep Lice That the Association work towards the eradication of sheep lice.	Referred to October Executive Council
W01	Amendment: Mulesing That the Association support the farmer's right to apply whatever breech strike protection is judged most appropriate to circumstances prevailing at any given time.	CARRIED
W02	Topical Anaesthetic That the Association lobby to have topical anaesthetic available through non veterinary commercial outlets.	CARRIED
W03	AWEX Feedback That the Association lobby AWEX to provide equivalent feedback (in the form of a copy of information) to individual producer's wool clips as given to the registered Wool Classers for that clip.	CARRIED
W04	Dark Medullated Fibre Contamination That the Association seek to ascertain the legal ramifications of contamination of a merino wool clip by dark and medullated fibres arising from neighbouring property carrying sheep that shed their fleece such as dorpers.	CARRIED
W05	Funding for Wool Harvesting Efficiencies That the Association lobby Australian Wool Innovation to increase funding for research into greater efficiencies in the wool harvesting chain from paddock to ship.	CARRIED
W06	Amendment: Shearer Training That the Association lobby Australian Wool Innovation to maintain funding of shearer and shed hand training at current levels.	CARRIED
W07	Wool Grower Federal Representation That the Association suspends support for WoolProducers Australia until their policies can better reflect views of grass roots wool growers.	LOST
W08	Wool and fleece wording That the Association request Australian Wool Innovation to copyright or in some other manner protect the words "wool" and "fleece" for use only by the sheep industry	Referred to October Executive Council