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Farmers renew call for Royal Commission

With farmers marching on Parliament House in Canberra in support of farmer Peter Spencer, the NSW Farmers' Association is calling upon the Federal Government to initiate an investigation into the science behind climate change.

NSW Farmers' Association President Charles Armstrong says the agricultural sector is already being severely impacted by ill-considered laws.

"The ban on the development of farming land is impacting on the livelihood of farmers and their ability to supply the food required to meet growing global demand," Mr Armstrong said.

"This ban has directly affected people such as Mr Spencer," he said.

The Association continues to support its Members through legal opinions on various laws and initiating or supporting particular actions in Court.

The NSW Farmers' Association with the National Farmers' Federation (NFF) and the Australian Farmers Fighting Fund have supported Mr Spencer financially in his legal action on this issue.

The Association with NFF also achieved major amendments to the Federal Government's policy on agriculture's position in their Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme.

"Farmers should not be carrying the burden of Australia's carbon reduction ambitions. We are continuing our call for a Royal Commission into the science that is driving the Government's policies on climate change.

"The many farmers heading to Canberra will illustrate to the Federal Government the importance of ensuring that the agricultural sector does not continue to bear the brunt of any climate change legislation.

"The need for an inquiry into the science, impacts and feasibility of these policies is patent," Mr Armstrong concluded.

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