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Media Alert: Save Hurlstone Agricultural High School

The NSW Farmers' Association is throwing its support behind the movement to save Hurlstone Agricultural High School from the NSW Government's proposed land sale, attending a cross-party forum at NSW Parliament House tomorrow.

The forum, which will include an address from NSW Farmers' Association President Jock Laurie on the future skills needs of agriculture, is taking place at NSW Parliament House from 12noon on Tuesday 24 March.

The Association's involvement in the forum follows a visit to the school by Mr Laurie and Association Chief Executive Shaughn Morgan today.

"The Association has long been working to increase the profile of agriculture and the message of sustainable food and fibre through our State's education system," Mr Laurie said.

"The practical agricultural education available at Hurlstone, which we had the opportunity to view first hand today, provides a key opportunity to develop this message and foster the agricultural leaders of the future.

"We are strongly opposed to the sale of land at Hurlstone, and we see this forum at Parliament House as an opportunity to raise our concerns directly with Government and key decision makers," Mr Laurie said.

The Association joins a list of participants in the cross-party forum, including the Hon. Adrian Piccoli, Shadow Education Minister; the Hon. John Kaye, Greens MP; the Isolated Children's Parent's Association; the Australian Livestock and Property Agents Association; the NSW Teachers Federation; Sydney University; and members of the Hurlstone Agricultural High School alumni.

Date: Tuesday 24 March
Time: 12noon-1:00pm Parliamentary Forum
1:30pm Panel discussion
Location: Theatrette
Parliament House, Macquarie St

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