

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2007



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Media Alert

A record number of farmers will converge on Sydney Showground next week for the NSW Farmers' Association's Annual Conference – *Global Warming: Opportunities for Agriculture*.

Almost 500 farmers from around NSW will debate more than 80 motions, tackling issues such as Federal peak grains representation, drought assistance, telecommunications, the Genetic Modification moratorium, national water management planning and renewable energy incentives.

Professor Will Steffen of the Australian National University will address the Conference at the official opening at 12:30pm on Tuesday 17 July.

NSW Farmers' Association President Jock Laurie will give his official opening address at 12:15pm on Tuesday.

Information sessions will be held at the Showground prior to conference on Monday 17 July and will cover issue such as water, the future of ag science professionals, greenhouse gas emissions and sinks, bushfires and global warming.

A full media briefing and drinks will be held on the Monday night at 5pm to give media an overview of conference, the main players and issues.

This will be followed by a global warming discussion between the Nationals John Cobb and the ALP's Anthony Albanese. At 7pm the NSW Farmers' Association's inaugural Regional Food Fair will begin, with a menu including stuffed and roasted goat, whole pigs, paella and other dishes showcasing the diversity of NSW produce.

This year the NSW Farmers' Association will webcast Annual Conference live for interested groups and the media. You will find the webcast link on the front page at www.nswfarmers.org.au

What: NSW Farmers' Association Annual Conference

Date: Tuesday 17 to Thursday 19 July

Venue: Hall 2A, Sydney Showground

Time: commencing 8:30am each day

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NSW Farmers' Association Annual Conference will be webcast from 8:30am – 5:30pm Tuesday 17 to Thursday 19 July 2007. Visit www.nswfarmers.org.au for details.