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## Where's the 'fair go' for Aussie farmers on Australia Day?

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The Aussie value of a 'fair go' is lacking this Australia Day as farmers are forced to down tools and head to Canberra to protest the erosion of their property rights.

In 7 days time, farmers across NSW will board buses and travel hundreds of kilometres to tell both State and Federal Government they won't accept their property rights being taken from them without just and fair compensation.

NSW Farmers' Association President, Charles Armstrong, says farmers have long been denied a 'fair go' by governments who have removed their right to develop their properties in a sustainable manner.

"If government believed in a 'fair go' they would compensate farmers for their lost production opportunities. This is not only the view of the farming sector, but it has strong community support, including the Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists.

"All farmers are affected to a greater or lesser extent by the erosion of their property rights, as we have seen very clearly in the coverage of Peter Spencer's situation.

"We are calling on every farmer to down tools for the day next Tuesday, if it is at all possible, and hop on a bus organised by the NSW Farmers' Association and come to Canberra – rain, hail or shine.

By doing that they will show all governments across Australia that property rights are valued by all Australians and just like any other Australian, if their property rights are removed, they expect fair and just compensation," Mr Armstrong said.

Farmers should check with their local NSW Farmers' Association officials for transport arrangements, times and meeting places.

The Rally is on Tuesday February 2. Farmers will gather in Canberra from 10:00am at Magna Carta Place (near Old Parliament House) to march to Parliament House at 12noon.

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