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## **Development ban on houses – city home owners to cop the bill?**

City home owners in all major capital cities across Australia are being asked to consider their future investment opportunities, if governments placed a blanket development ban on all houses.

NSW Farmers' Association President Charles Armstrong says such a move would wipe millions of dollars off these privately owned assets - and the public outcry would be deafening.

"But this is exactly what governments have done to farmers over several years and farmers can't continue anymore," Mr Armstrong said.

"Farmers will be voting with their feet next Tuesday outside Parliament House in Canberra, with a major rally against the erosion of property rights.

Speakers at the rally will include Tower of Hope campaigner, Peter Spencer, and NSW Farmers' Association President Charles Armstrong.

"The Association is calling on all home owners to support farmers in their plight and help highlight the need for compensation for property rights that have been taken away in the name of public good," Charles Armstrong said.

"Imagine if city home owners were suddenly told they could no longer renovate their homes or improve their property.

"However some laws affecting many farmers across the State have done exactly this and they have dramatically reduced farmer's ability to produce food and fibre on their farm," Mr Armstrong said.

"Our farmers, like their city cousins, have purchased these assets in good faith, with the intention to improve them and increase earning capacity – obviously with environmental needs in mind.

"Farmers must be granted "just terms" compensation if their property rights have been stripped by governments – is only fair!

"This issue affects everyone who owns, or will own a property in the future. Unless "just terms" compensation is granted, we will face a democracy that can wipe out property rights with the stroke of a pen," Mr Armstrong concluded.

All property owners are urged to attend the Rally next Tuesday 2 February in Canberra.

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