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## Farmers congratulate Rudd Government

The NSW Farmers' Association has offered its best wishes to Prime Minister Elect Kevin Rudd and the Federal Labor Party, following its success in the Federal Election.

NSW Farmers' Association President Jock Laurie says he will continue to work with the National Farmers' Federation (NFF) and put forward the issues of importance to farmers and regional communities, to the Rudd Government.

Mr Laurie said rural communities need positive outcomes on issues affecting drought assistance, telecommunications, quarantine, climate change, water, Single Desk, FarmBis and Industrial Relations.

With drought still hitting hard, farmers are also extremely concerned about the future of the economy and its impact on their markets.

"It is vital that the community as a whole keeps Prime Minister Elect Kevin Rudd accountable to pre-election promises to conservatively manage the economy, and keep downward pressure on interest rates and on inflation," Mr Laurie said.

The Association looks forward to Mr Rudd's announcement of key ministerial appointments affecting agriculture and rural communities later this week.

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***Fast fact: The average broadacre farm in NSW has a turnover of approximately \$248 500, with a farm cash income of around \$37 300***