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Don't veg out – get involved

The NSW Farmers' Association calls on active and influential vegetable and potato growers to get involved in the industry.

Vegetable Levy Payers who have an interest in being involved in the Industry Advisory Committee (IAC) should register their interest with the grower body AUSVEG Limited.

“By getting involved, you can ensure decisions are made for the investment of research and development in the vegetable industry, allowing all Members to develop and grow their vegetable enterprises,” NSW Farmers' Association vegetable spokesman Geoff Moar said.

“The IAC will represent vegetable levy payers by acting as the final Advising Group to Horticulture Australia Limited in recommending the investment of industry research and development levy funds.

“They will assess the relative return to growers from investing in one area over another, and determine the value of each strategy based on chance of success, value of return to growers, relative cost, and significance to the industry as a whole,” he said.

Successful nominees will receive sitting fees for face-to-face meetings at the rate of \$315 per day (taxable), plus reasonable expenses including economy class air fares, accommodation and meal costs for attendance at meetings.

“This is a great opportunity to give back to our industry, and be involved at the decision making level. I'd encourage everyone to consider it,” Mr Moar concluded.

If you are interested you should contact Ausveg Limited before 11 December 2009.

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