

Dear Members,



This week, I had the opportunity to address the Senate Inquiry into Native Vegetation Laws, Greenhouse Gas Abatement and Climate Change Matters in Wagga Wagga.

This Inquiry is focusing on a diverse, complex and exhausting range of problems that are facing many farmers. These problems include issues relating to native vegetation, the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme, land-use planning, mining and water legislation. I congratulate the Committee of Senators for tackling these issues.

The passion and determination with which farmers addressed the Committee as they presented individual submissions was impressive. When coupled with the arguments we have presented on behalf of all farmers, I am certain we cannot fail to get the message through.

After this week's public hearing in Wagga Wagga, I believe the Committee can be in no doubt of the extent of problems created by Government legislation imposed on farmers.

I remain positive that the NSW Farmers' Association is making a difference when it comes to highlighting the issue of property rights for farmers. The growing media coverage on this issue makes me confident of that.

Meanwhile, I have enjoyed the opportunity this week to meet with many farmers at the Sydney Royal Easter Show. This is always a great event for farmers to reach urban audiences and highlight the modern face of farming. Importantly, this year your Association is involved in the Show's 'Ask a Farmer' program which will be held in Food Farm Pavilion until 14 April.

The Food Farm Pavilion aims to educate children, teachers and parents about where their food comes from and how it is produced in a sustainable manner. Approximately 350,000 school children and members of the general public attended the Food Farm last year.

Educational opportunities such as this are incredibly important for farmers. As the Association continues to present the issues relating to property rights - we need the general population to understand what we do. It is important that when farmers talk about the impacts of native vegetation, the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme, land-use planning, mining and water legislation in relation to farming practices, it also resonates in the minds of people who live in Sydney.

While the Sydney Royal Easter Show is certainly a fun day out for everyone, its greater role shouldn't be underestimated.

Lastly I would like to extend my gratitude to Chief Executive Shaughn Morgan for the good stewardship of the Association and its Members, following his resignation this week. The Board has accepted his resignation with regret. Click [here](#) for more details.

Until next fortnight,
Charles Armstrong

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