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Farmers commend Vaile for service

The farming community wishes to thank outgoing Deputy Prime Minister Mark Vaile for his service over the last eleven and his commitment to agricultural and rural communities.

NSW Farmers' Association President Jock Laurie says Mr Vaile served the nation and its farmers faithfully in all positions including Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Trade and Minister for Regional Services.

The Association wishes him well as he steps down as Leader of the Federal National Party, but trusts he will continue to serve the people of Lyne and remain a strong voice for regional Australia.

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Fast fact: The current drought has had a major impact on the Australian economy, with an estimated 46% decline in real farm income and a \$4 billion drop in GDP