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Mining plan great news

The NSW Farmers' Association says the NSW Government's announcement that it will develop a strategic plan for coal in NSW by the end of the year is good news for the NSW community.

NSW Farmers' Association Mining Taskforce Chair Fiona Simson says a strategic planning process is needed and long overdue.

"Such a strategic plan, if it is based on scientific information regarding impacts on ground water and other key natural resources, would help resolve current conflicts regarding coal development and help ensure balanced outcomes for regional communities," Mrs Simson said.

"The Association would also ask the Government to extend this planning process to include all forms of mining and coal seam gas development," she said.

The Ministerial Cabinet Sub-Committee, to be chaired by Tony Kelly, will bring together the portfolios of Planning, Infrastructure and Lands, Health, Treasury, Environment, Climate Change and Water, and Industry and Investment.

"This announcement is a good step forward," Mrs Simson concluded.

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