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President warns of danger ahead

The NSW Farmers' Association's Executive Council has kicked off in Griffith this morning, with Association President Charles Armstrong telling the Council that governments need to recognise that there is an atmosphere of discontent in the country.

"Our structure and the very democratic processes for representation are being pushed aside in favour of ill or non informed policy development," Mr Armstrong warned.

"This is very dangerous for agriculture at a time when there are enormous pressures on us. More than ever before we have a necessity for serious and informed policy development and a united voice.

"This has been amply demonstrated at the Property Rights Rally last month, and in this ongoing campaign.

"The threats to agriculture and Australia's food supply both domestically and internationally are real," he said.

Charles Armstrong says the Federal election campaign, to be followed by a State election present the Association with an enormous opportunity to gain commitment from all sides of politics.

"To have an impact requires us to continue building on the involvement from people of all walks of life. We have begun that with our Property Rights Campaign, and we will continue in our efforts to reconnect with urban Australia."

Over 70 farmers from around the State are gathered in Griffith for the two day meeting to discuss issues facing rural and regional NSW.

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