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Farmers welcome new Nationals Leader

The NSW Farmers' Association has welcomed the election of Warren Truss as Leader of the Federal National Party.

NSW Farmers' Association President Jock Laurie said rural communities must be taken seriously, and applauds Mr Truss's commitment to be a champion for all issues affecting rural Australia.

"The NSW Farmers' Association has had a strong relationship with Mr Truss over several years in his roles relating to agriculture and I look forward to continuing that relationship with him in his new position," Mr Laurie said.

"Mr Truss has a solid understanding of issues affecting rural communities having been Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry; Minister for Trade and Minister for Transport and Regional Services," Mr Laurie said.

Mr Laurie also welcomes Senator Nigel Scullion as Deputy Leader of the National Party.

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Fast fact: The multiplier effect of the agriculture accounts for as high as 70 to 80 per cent of economic activity in most small towns across rural and regional NSW.