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Vision lacking in Federal Government Ag Policy

The NSW Farmers' Association has labelled the Federal Government's agricultural policy announced last night as "disappointing and lacking vision" for the farming community.

NSW Farmers' Association President Charles Armstrong says the fact that Federal Labor waited until just days before the Election to outline its agricultural policy reflects the level of importance it places on this vital sector.

"The Federal Government's agricultural policy statement lacks content and clearly has no way forward for thousands of farmers and agricultural communities across the country," Mr Armstrong.

The Association is disappointed that agricultural research and development funding has been ignored – with no new money committed by the Government.

"The Federal Government had an opportunity to outline a real road map for agriculture, but instead used the opportunity to mostly re-announce existing policy," Mr Armstrong said.

"The Association has enjoyed a constructive relationship with the Federal Labor Government during the last 3 years in office – but this Election Campaign has failed to deliver on key policy areas for agriculture.

"Throughout the course of this Election Campaign, the Association has been calling on the Federal Government to commit to protecting farmers property rights, which will secure food production," Mr Armstrong said.

"While the Federal Government says it has a vision for the education of every young Australian, it hasn't shown its vision on how it plans to feed them," Mr Armstrong said.

If the Gillard Government wins the Election on Saturday, the Association will be working very hard, in conjunction with the National Farmers' Federation, to ensure it recognises the importance of the agricultural sector and delivers on key policy areas.

More information regarding the Association's Federal Election policy position can be found at the NSW Farmers' Association Federal Election website www.nswfarmers.org.au/federal_election//home.

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