

# **Agricultural Competitiveness Green Paper Submission**

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## **What are the top policies from the Green Paper that the Government should focus on in the White Paper and why?**

The two most important policy areas are considered to be Research Development and extension and Skills Development and training. If these two areas are performing well then on-farm productivity and profitability drive improvements in all other aspects of agriculture, marketing and natural resource management.

Agriculture is a high-tech industry - but it is not widely recognised as such and this gap between what is possible and what is average practice is becoming wider in many sectors of agriculture. The position is exacerbated by the fact that State Departments of agriculture and primary industry are pulling back from providing free extension services.

## **What policies from the Green Paper don't you support and why?**

## **General Comment**