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Dear Taskforce Members

The NSW Government welcomes the release of the Australian Government's Agricultural Competitiveness Green Paper.

It is now more than six months since our submission on the Agricultural Competitiveness Issues Paper and a significant development in that time has been the finalisation of the NSW Agriculture Industry Action Plan. As flagged in our earlier submission, this Plan is a comprehensive guide to the way in which government and industry will work together towards an informed, sustainable and profitable future. The Action Plan has now been publicly released and I enclose a copy for your consideration.

I draw your attention to the fact that the NSW Agriculture Industry Action Plan does not stand in isolation but is part of a larger policy framework that seeks to enhance industry competitiveness and deliver economy-wide growth. As outlined in our submission to the White Paper, other initiatives consistent with this framework include strategic regional infrastructure and economic development planning, reform of the broader planning system, streamlining and simplifying access to natural resources and management of biodiversity, research, extension and education, improved biosecurity arrangements and enhanced international engagement.

The NSW Government looks forward to working with the Australian Government in developing the forthcoming White Paper, including further focus on industry competitiveness and productivity.

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Yours sincerely

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