

The Agribusiness Association of Australia
Submission to the Agriculture White Paper

The white papers focus on nine core issues that will underpin the prosperity of Agriculture in Australia. All these issues must consider the proper utilization of our resources in a sustainable manner, while providing a profitable business for those in the Agriculture sector. To address these issues and facilitate change, will depend on those in Agriculture discussing these issues now and implementing change. This will be an ongoing process beyond any white paper. The Agribusiness Association of Australia recognizes the importance of the Agriculture Competitiveness White paper and has drawn attention of our network to the importance of formulating and submitting a response. The Agribusiness Association of Australia role to facilitate communication across the agri-food chain is well place to help the industry through this process now and in the future. The Association is a non-political/ non-lobby group that works across the entire agribusiness sector nationwide to address issues and inform those in agriculture and the broader community. We achieve this by holding knowledgeable and informative events across Australia on an ongoing basis.

Our Objectives are:

1. To develop an awareness and understanding of the concept of agribusiness in Australia;
2. To develop and foster linkages among professionals within and between the different sectors of agribusiness; through these linkage new ideas and businesses are fostered.
3. To encourage the highest standards of professional achievement in agribusiness;
4. To promote quality in research, education and training in agribusiness;
5. To promote, influence and liaise with producers, manufacturing industries, unions and government to achieve progress in the development of agribusiness, done through providing unbiased information
6. To facilitate communication across the agri-food chain and to promote the contribution made by agribusiness to the Australian economy and entire Australian community, most who are far removed from the production of food and fibre and
7. To raise awareness of the issues impacting on the development of an efficient, profitable and dynamic agribusiness sector.

Our organizations core objectives and philosophy for non-partisan, unbiased exchange of information can help facilitate the outcomes of this white paper for the prosperity of Agriculture and the broader community in Australia.