

Agricultural Competitiveness paper

Agricultural/ Environmental incentives need to be reworded as investment and not thought of as subsidies so as they can be considered as finance for capital improvements to improve productivity and provide jobs that will restore confidence and growth in local rural communities and economies.

No more volunteer in kind support requests from landholders for outcomes that provide community benefits.

Foreign ownership needs to be restricted to investment to enable young Australians opportunities in agriculture.

The importance of food/fibre in our lives needs to be included in school curriculums so that agriculture is restored as a valuable profession to undertake like doctors and lawyers.

Work subsidy agreements like that associated with people with a disability for long term unemployed.

Better support for farmers making the necessary adjustments to adapt to climate change and changing consumer demand rather than propping up businesses that are failing or who have not kept up to latests developments.

If government supported farmers making change then others farmers 'looking over the fence' will see change and adapt to best possible practice.

Strengthen a new stereotype of the modern farmer as one who is positive, emerging resilient and a driver of change and a steward of the land and managing the landscape.

Reclaim our conservationist work in protecting our natural heritage.

Remove barriers to free trade.

Learn from the past and do not make the same mistakes by NOT consulting with Indigenous groups, especially in plans to open up development in the North.

Any attempts to improve waterway health by restricting stock access is a cost to be shared by community and not to be beared by landholder.

Government funding needs to make it to the farm gate and not be whittled down by government departments. Farmers are initiators and have the ideas which need to be supported by R and D, not the other way round.