

POLICY DIRECTOR - AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES

THE COMPANY

NSW Farmers' Association, Australia's largest farm body, is dedicated to lobbying on behalf of its members and farmers generally in NSW, as well as representing their interests across all agricultural sectors; to ensure that their voice is heard at all levels of government as well as by other interest groups and stakeholders. The following position, based in Sydney is now available.

THE ROLE

Leading a small team, this is a newly created position facilitates the development, analysis and execution of policy related issues on behalf of NSW Farmers for all commodity groups including cropping, livestock, horticulture, wool, poultry, pork, beef and dairy. With a focus on commodity issues including animal welfare, biosecurity and supply chains this position plays a key role in proactively engaging with and influencing key stakeholders at a state and federal level to ensure that issues critical to members are best represented to shape effective legislative reforms.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Manage the research, development and drafting of recommendations for industry policy;
- Work with Policy Committees and Taskforces to agree on policy positions;
- Develop and maintain relationships with Government and non-government stakeholders to advocate and advance NSW Farmers' policy priorities;
- Initiate research on priority policy issues and other potential or emerging issues, and contribute to strategic advocacy initiatives;
- Represent the Association at public forums and other meetings;
- Provide policy advice to relevant stakeholders including the Head of Strategy & Advocacy, CEO, Board, Advisory Committees, Government officials, parliamentarians and media;
- Develop and implement actions plans to support policy initiatives in line with the organisational strategic plan;
- Develop and maintain effective relations with relevant Government and private sector policy experts to target key areas of policy influence;
- Establish and maintain effective communication networks with members.

REQUIREMENTS

The successful candidate will demonstrate a thorough understanding and working knowledge of the wider agricultural and agribusiness industries, and the ability to provide deep and considered analysis across the subject matter. They will have proven people management skills and the ability to work as part of a driven and diverse team. Strong communication and influencing skills and the ability to effectively operate and manage relationships within a complex stakeholder environment will be critical. Experience with policy formation will be highly regarded.

TO APPLY

This position has a unique perspective across all agricultural commodities and provides an outstanding career opportunity.

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