

# Farmer Power Australia Incorpo

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## Your Support

### How Can You Support Us?

Farmer Power is an independant organisation that promotes the Australian Agricultural Industry. Our first meeting was on 14th January 2013, where over 600 like minded Dairy Farmers attended a meeting in Noorat, Western Victoria.

As consumers we ask you to buy Australian dairy produce, and Australian agricultural product, and ask your local supermarkets to stock Australian product. Australian cheese, Australian yoghurt, Australian ice cream, Australian milk, Australian meat, Australian fruit, Australian vegetables, Australian wine, Australian beverages, Australian baked goods, bread, cakes, cake mixes, flour and grain products, simply buy Australian food, and support our industry.

As manufacturers and other agricultural organisations, our support is for the continuation of our industry in Australia and ensure that future generations have access to local home grown food, from this great country of ours.

Please contact your local MP to pledge your support for our vital industry. For a list of email address's of our MPs go to our Information and Events Page.

[http://www.farmerpower.com.au/Information\\_and\\_Events.html](http://www.farmerpower.com.au/Information_and_Events.html)

We have been overwhelmed with the amount of support from everyone, with over 10,000 hits on our webpage already, being in operation for less than a week. We are looking at setting up a blog, Twitter or Facebook page so we can share support around the country. Updates on this in the next couple of days.

**Thank you for your support.**

**Australian Grass Root Dairy Farmers.**

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**Please use the following standard letter as a basis for your own letter to your Federal MP. The details of some MPs are provided below the letter.**

The letter refers to a proposal put to the Federal Treasurer to use accumulated tax losses as transferable tax credits to form part of an adjustment package.

It is a well thought out strategy for rural debt reconstruction that has come from the Rural Debt Roundtable Working Group initiated by the Hon Wayne Swan MP and the Hon Bob Katter MP, with farmers from Queensland.

Please also pick up the phone and contact Wayne Swan's office, as those on the Roundtable Working Group believe he should be congratulated for working with them when the prevailing economic philosophy of both sides of politics is that the invisible hand of the free markets must prevail.

Such a telephone call may also assist the process as it is important Wayne Swan knows we ALL want this done as one step toward making farm businesses more sustainable.

His telephone number in Canberra is 02 6277 7340 and at his electoral office is 07 3266 8244. His ministerial office phone number is 07 3001 8140. From time to time a personal phone call can be more effective than a letter.

If you want to email him, try [Wayne.Swan.MP@aph.gov.au](mailto:Wayne.Swan.MP@aph.gov.au) or [ministerial@treasury.gov.au](mailto:ministerial@treasury.gov.au)

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(name of MP)

Address (email or physical or fax)

Date

Dear (name of MP)

I am a dairy farmer who works and resides in your electorate.

The dairy industry is essential to Australia's health and its prosperity. Our industry is in crisis right now with farm profit falling to unsustainable levels, and farm debt rising.

I urge you to support the proposals prepared by the Rural Debt Roundtable Working Group and the member for Kennedy, soon to be reviewed by the Federal Treasurer. These proposals concern setting up a process for dealing with rural debt.

I would also ask that you encourage your party room to support these proposals. The survival of the dairy industry depends on your support and Australia depends on the dairy industry.

Yours faithfully

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