



SFF TasFarmers Response

The Shooters Fishers and Farmers Party of Tasmania is the 4th largest political party in the state and our statewide candidates are committed to serving their community with real solutions.

As Shooters, Fishers & Farmers Party Tasmania (SFF Tasmania), we understand the critical concerns raised by the Tasmanian Agricultural Sector and are committed to addressing them in line with our principles of protecting freedoms, rights, and culture. Here are our responses to the key policy concerns:

Priority 1: North-West Transmission Development:

- a. We commit to funding a Strategic Benefit Payment model to ensure fair compensation for affected farmers, linked to CPI and paid over the activity's life.
- b. We support undergrounding the corridor in areas with smaller landholdings to minimise disruption.
- c. We advocate for genuine consultation by proponents, with clear routes and consideration for property buyback if necessary.
- d. We support the removal of existing easements and assets associated with the development within 12 months post-commissioning.

Priority 2: Increase on-farm sustainability and productivity:

- a. We support funding TasFarmers to develop a Sustainable Agriculture Recognition System.
- b. We commit to support funding the On-farm Energy Audit and Capital Grant Program.
- c. In consultation with TasFarmers, we will introduce game fencing subsidies.
- d. We support a 1:1 cost-sharing agreement for game fencing development and maintenance.
- e. We support a State Government to purchase traps for feral cat control.
- f. We support a permit system for the use of sound suppressors for crop protection and for all licensed firearm owners, at a range or out hunting.
- g. We commit to ensuring firearm licensing reforms do not increase costs without consultation.
- h. We support trialling "microgrids" to support renewable energy production and reduce operating costs.

Priority 3: Secure the Future of Irrigation:

- a. We support funding for a detailed economic assessment of the value of irrigated agriculture.
- b. We advocate for investment in irrigation infrastructure in alignment with existing funding models.
- c. Irrigation schemes to ensure their viability should be self funded via subscription.
- d. consideration to irrigation should consider the environment water draw down on rivers, and streams



Priority 4: Investing in education and training:

- a. We will support TasFarmers in gathering information for Skills Tasmania and TasTAFE.
- b. We propose an annualised program to promote agricultural careers in secondary schools.
- c. We will review the Workers Compensation Scheme and explore feasibility of a government-underwritten scheme.
- d. We support Safe Farming Tasmania with funding for project officers.
- e. We support the re-establishment of subsidies for rural apprenticeship accommodations.

Priority 5: Safeguarding Tasmania's Primary Industries:

- a. We support the implementation of EID for sheep and goats with targeted information campaigns.
- b. We support funding for a feasibility study for a central portal for compliance data.
- c. We commit to funding additional truck wash and effluent dump facilities in various regions.
- d. We will ensure no net cost impact to farmers for changes to the state Fire Levy.
- e. We support reducing red tape barriers and will advocate to establish a taskforce for recommendations.
- f. We will review shipping and port access with TasFarmers and the King Island Community for improvements.

Priority 6: Other:

- a. We support funding robotic technology for on-island healthcare.
- b. We support the completion of a four-lane Midland Highway and enhanced road safety measures.
- c. We support the implementation of systems to mitigate electronic scams, making them unprofitable.

Overall, SFF Tasmania is dedicated to addressing the concerns of the Tasmanian Agricultural Sector while upholding our principles of transparency, collaboration, and accountability. We are committed to working closely with stakeholders to implement practical and effective solutions for the benefit of all Tasmanians.

Sincerely,

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