



Agriculture Sustainability Committee Communique

Held on 17 October 2023

The Committee discussed:

1. Ian Field gave an update from the NFF Sustainable Development & Climate Change Committee, notably current issues around the EPBC Act review, invasive species, natural capital and disclosure of carbon and biodiversity on farms.
2. The Tasmanian Farm Innovation Hub (Sophie Folder) attended and provided a background on what the Hub does. The Hub also spoke about natural capital accounting and the current process for stakeholder engagement and education in this area as well as the top five priority areas in Tasmania.
3. Catherine Murdoch (NRE) attended and briefed the committee on the upcoming changes to the EPBC Act, the Federal Nature Positive Plan and Nature Repair Bill. Catherine advised TFGA to focus on possible changes to offsets and mandatory reporting among other things. Once further detail in this area is released, TFGA will continue to advocate strongly.
4. The committee discussed the importance of a continued open communication channel with the board and other councils and committees within TFGA.

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