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National Farmers' Federation takes desperate measures to save farming

The National Farmers' Federation (NFF) has been forced to take the extraordinary step of launching its largest protest campaign in almost 40 years as Labor continues to decimate the industry and the regions.

The NFF is desperately trying to save farming from a Labor government that has torn up farming confidence. New NFF president David Jochinke gave a dire warning at the NFF Conference that it was in the fight of its life.

Farmers are being punished by Labor in almost every possible area. Just some examples include;

Fresh food tax – Labor is taxing farmers more, by forcing them to pay for the biosecurity risks of international importers.

Scrapping the Ag visa – Australia's top peak food industry bodies warned that agriculture required an additional 172,000 workers, yet only around 16,000 Pacific Australia Labour Mobility (PALM) workers have come in since Labor got into office.

Banning live sheep exports – Labor is destroying the livelihoods of 3000 people and an industry worth \$85 million by banning live sheep exports.

Water buybacks – Labor is forging ahead with plans for water buybacks, ignoring the economic and social safeguards for an additional 450 gigalitres.

Renewable energy policies – Labor's reckless race to 82 per cent renewables by 2030 means 28,000 thousand kilometres of transmission lines will rip up native vegetation and prime agricultural land.

Other issues include – Potential Cultural Heritage laws putting farmland at risk, forcing farmers to pay for the unrealised capital gain of their properties in superannuation funds, delays to an Infrastructure Review and critical regional projects, delays to red imported fire ant eradication funding and delays acting on Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD), a lack of impetus to finalise meat labelling and not progressing with the domestic regulation of organics.

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