



Cattle Council of Australia backs NFF restructure MR1.1808 18.12.08

Cattle Council welcomes the new membership and organisational structure of the National Farmers' Federation (NFF) agreed to today at an industry meeting in Canberra.

The change to the constitution opens the door for associate membership to NFF for those involved in the business of primary production. Associate members are limited to no more than 40 per cent stake in voting rights. This means the total number of votes in aggregate on a resolution or policy decision may not exceed 40 per cent of all votes on that resolution.

"This is a significant moment in Australian Agri-politics. The new structure is a necessary step forward towards ensuring the long term viability of the NFF," said Greg Brown, Cattle Council President.

"If NFF is strong and managing the issues that affect all farmers, Cattle Council can concentrate efforts on beef specific issues," said Mr Brown.

The NFF has been the national voice for farmers for 29 years. However, times have changed and National Farmer representation needs to account for the whole agricultural sector. Cattle Council hopes this change will strengthen policy development through wider representation and engagement with all producers.

"Australian producers need to get behind the NFF and be positive. I implore people to get involved with your state farming organisation and take control of your future," Mr Brown concluded.

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