



CATTLE COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA

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CATTLE COUNCIL CONGRATULATES NEW MINISTRY

The Cattle Council of Australia's President, Mr Andrew Ogilvie, has congratulated members of the Abbott Ministry announced today. In particular he welcomes:

- The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP, Minister for Agriculture;
- The Hon Andrew Robb MP, Minister for Trade and Investment; and
- Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck, Parliamentary Secretary for Agriculture.

"I am looking forward to establishing close working relationships, particularly with Minister Joyce" Mr Ogilvie said.

"I have noted with interest 'The Coalition's Policy for a Competitive Agriculture Sector' and I firmly believe there are common goals that we can achieve by working together."

"In particular I am supportive of:

- moves to establish agriculture as one of the five pillars of the economy;
- a commitment to improve market access including the conclusion of a number of existing FTA negotiations;
- additional funding for agricultural research and development; and
- reducing red tape on farm."

"Of course, the success of these policies will depend on the detail. I will be meeting with these Ministers as soon as possible seeking Cattle Council's close involvement."

"I hope these appointments and the new government represents a new direction for the development of agricultural policy in Australia and greater collaboration between industry and government."

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