

## WHAT IS WAFARMERS WORTH TO YOU?

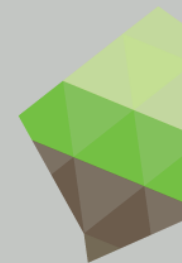
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- Loss of Diesel fuel rebate\_\_\_\_\_ \$
- Lamb aging dentition\_\_\_\_\_ \$
- Removal of tax losses being carried forward\_\_\_\_\_ \$
- Loss of Farm Management Deposits\_\_\_\_\_ \$
- Loss of Averaging Farm Income\_\_\_\_\_ \$
- Access to loss of Glyphosate\_\_\_\_\_ \$
- Loss of Live Exports\_\_\_\_\_ \$
- Loss of Intergenerational Farm Stamp Duty Rebates\_\_\_\_\_ \$
- End of the regional black spots mobile program\_\_\_\_\_ \$
- Loss of Concessional license for On-Farm Machinery\_\_\_\_\_ \$
- Loss of the Ag piloting concession\_\_\_\_\_ \$
- Harvest Mass Management and access to Local Roads\_\_\_\_\_ \$
- Farm RAV. road access\_\_\_\_\_ \$
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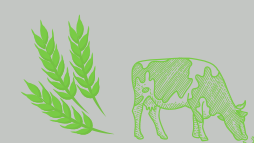
## WE GET YOU AROUND THE TABLE:

National representation is a critical component in forming farm policy with many of the decisions affecting farm profitability being made at a federal level. The checklist above demonstrates how valuable these decisions are to your farm business.

WAFarmers Membership ensures your voice is heard at a national level by supporting our peak bodies through the \$50m raised annually by state farming organisations.



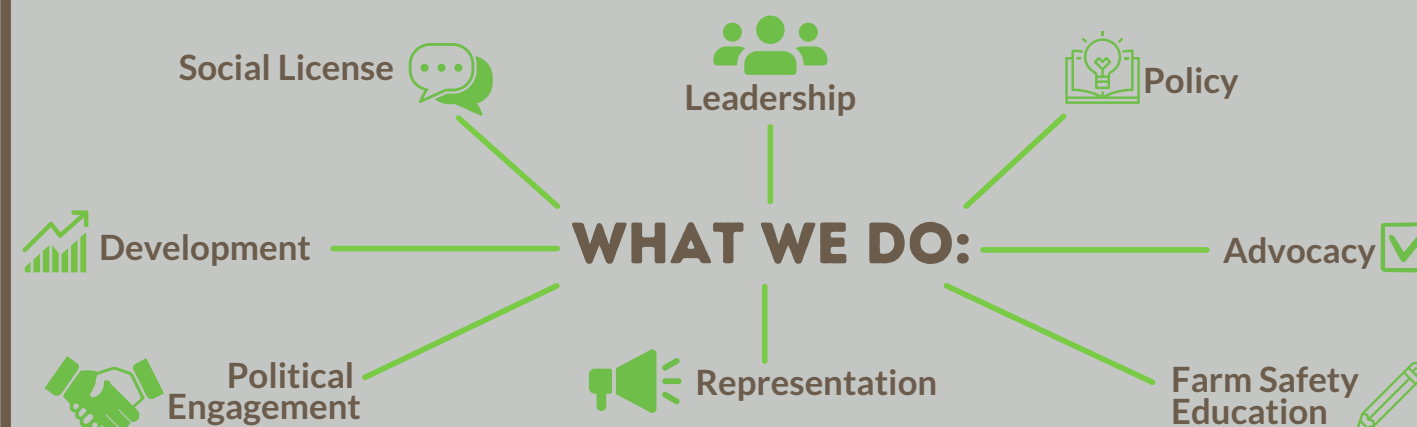
**WAFARMERS**  
Shaping the Future of WA Agriculture







## WHO WE ARE:



We are a membership based agricultural advocacy group based in Western Australia. We represent Western Australian Farmers and the wider agricultural industry, and we are continually working towards a more viable and profitable future for farming.



## OUR STRATEGIC DIRECTION:

Farmers 	Community 	Government 	Leadership 
Members Non-Members Profitability Sustainability Environment Stakeholders Collaborators Value Creation Regional Communications	Education Products Promotions Farming Practices Social License	Policy  Advocacy  Infrastructure	Future Leaders Media Events Staff National Representation



## POLICY ISSUES:

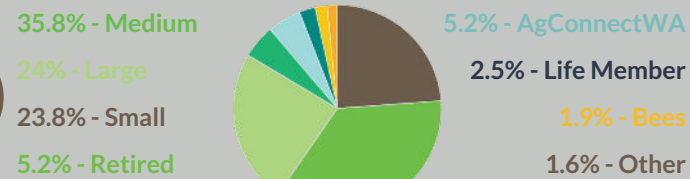
For over 110 years WAFarmers has been involved in supporting Western Australian Farmers.

We pride ourselves on our bottom up approach to policy formation, working through our membership and the Dairy, Bees, Grains and Livestock Commodity Councils. Through work with our partners at a national level, we have helped ensure farmers and farm businesses can continue to compete in both national and international markets.

Our policies are divided up into five sections:



## OUR CURRENT MEMBERS:



Key Areas of Engagement within these five sections have included:

- Farm Management
- Ag Piloting Rules
- Industrial Manslaughter
- Right to Repair
- Deposits
- Grain Freight
- Boyanup Saleyards
- Industrial Relations
- Live Exports
- Carbon Farming
- Restricted Road Access
- Access to Water
- Diesel Fuel Rebates
- COVID Restrictions
- Climate Change
- Water Rebates
- Lamb Denture Aging
- Truck Licensing Costs
- Ag Chemicals
- Property Rights
- Mobile Black Spots
- Research & Development
- Land Clearing
- Skills Shortages

## OUR CURRENT PROJECTS:



## FEDERAL & STATE ELECTION POLICIES

Each election, we release policy publications detailing key policies to be implemented by an incoming government to best promote prosperity across the agriculture sector.



## WAFARMERS 2022 ELECTION POLICY PLATFORM



### FARM WATER REBATES - \$20m

The state government to match the federal government rebate scheme of a 25% drought water rebate to improve on farm water security and reduce the pressure on the country water supply scheme.

### FARM WATER MAPPING - \$20m

Fully fund the Smart Water Program including mapping and drilling to identify sources of water for desalination and the development of the next generation of best practice on farm water security.

### TOWN WATER SUPPLIES - \$50m

Expand the catchment and capacity of strategic town dams and install desalination and holding tanks at strategic locations across the South West of the State to take the pressure off the country scheme water network.

### STAND-PIPE UPGRADES - \$50m

Install desalination and holding tanks at 100 strategic locations across the South West of the State to take the pressure off the country scheme water network.

### GRAIN ROADS FREIGHT SHOULDERS - \$400m

State Grain Highways and Secondary Grain Freight Routes to all be sealed with one-meter-wide shoulders. Cost \$400m for 5000km.

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRAIN ROADS - \$400m

Local government grain roads fund of \$100m pa to upgrade Restricted Access Roads over the next four years.

### ROAD MAINTENANCE MAPPING - \$10m

An open access state-wide virtual road map detailing the condition of the roads and the projected maintenance and upgrade plan.

### RAIL FREIGHT - \$500m

Allocate \$100m to support grain on rail options and call for \$400m of federal government funding.

### TRANSPORT LICENSES - \$10m

Allow up to three heavy vehicle combinations plus up to three individual low usage heavy vehicles for farm concessional registration, per occupied residence, on separate properties.

### BOYANUP SALEYARDS - \$15m

Construct new yards on a new designated animal production precinct for the SW.

### MOBILE BLACK SPOTS - \$100m

Fund an additional 200 mobile towers across the wheatbelt, Great Southern and South West.

### STRATEGIC FUEL RESERVES - \$10m

Establish a strategic fuel reserve which includes holding 90 days of fuel for utilities, the state fleet and all emergency services.

### MC DRIVER TRAINING - \$10m

50% rebate of up to \$5000 to train 500 additional truck drivers each year.

### DPIRD STAFFING

DPIRD levels of funding, staffing and service delivery supporting agriculture to 1000 FTEs needs to be maintained across forward estimates.

### FERAL ANIMAL CULL - \$20m

Four-year program to count and halve the number of large herbivores from sensitive rangelands.

### LAND CARE - \$20m

Support planting of salt tolerant plants by 50% with the aim of planting 2 million a year.

### EMERGENCY RESPONSE

### BIOSECURITY FUND - \$15m

Establish an emergency response fund for track and trace and kill to improve reaction time.

### POWER

Ensure the roll out of Stand-alone Power Systems are fit for purpose and their future maintenance costs is not cost recovered from farm businesses.

### BIOSECURITY - \$50m

Allocate 1.0% of the value of our states agriculture and food production to increasing DPIRD biosecurity protection funding from \$83m to \$100m per annum.

### TRAINING - \$8m

Develop Muresk into the states Regional Ag Training Institute to extend the development of ag skills and safety training.

### VOLUNTEER BRIGADE FIRE FUND - \$20m

Establish a competitive \$1 for \$1 fund for brigades to buy specialist equipment e.g. water tankers, drones, graders.

### BOARDING SCHOOL - \$5m

State and federal government to double the support for boarding school fees to \$20000pa.

### EDUCATION

The state government to target poor performing regional schools with additional resources to lift the percentage of students doing 4 ATAR subjects.

### FERAL PEST CONTROL - \$10m

Double the governments matching contribution to the Regional Biosecurity Group funding scheme from 1:1 to 2:1 to increase community efforts to control declared pests such as wild dogs.

### RSPCA - \$20m

RSPCA to be funded appropriately to address animal welfare issues on companion animals and all livestock animal welfare compliance should become the sole responsibility of the government.

### INDUSTRIAL MANSLAUGHTER

Amend the Industrial Manslaughter laws to include the words "in circumstances of gross negligence" as the test of manslaughter by criminal negligence where jail sentence applies.

### FARM SAFETY - \$4m

Establish a Farm Safety Institute to help drive safety compliance systems on farm.

### RESEARCH - \$50m

Allocate 1% of the value of our states agriculture and food production to primary industries Research and Development. This equates to approximately \$60m for grains and \$10m to sheep and cattle per annum.

### DAIRY INDUSTRY WINS

State government developed support mechanisms to reverse the power of the retail majors to put downward pressure on milk prices.

### BEES - \$4m

The government double the number of sites available for commercial beekeepers in state forest and develop a cloud-based access portal.

### PRESCRIBED BURNS - \$20m

The state government fund local bush fire brigades to undertake cool off season mosaic prescribed burns to prevent summer wild fires.

### STATE SHEEP TRACEABILITY - \$10m

The State Government to fund the research and implementation of improved sheep traceability systems via two designated DPIRD FTE's.

### RED MEAT PAYMENT-FOR-QUALITY SCHEME - \$5m

The State Government to invest in researching and funding a payment-for-quality scheme for WA's red meat sector, aimed at securing a consistent premium product for domestic and international trading partners.

### DPIRD TRAINING - \$10m

Establish a two year Graduate Training Program for 20 AG SCI grads a year.

### CARBON CALCULATOR - \$20m

Establish a long term carbon farming field trails.

