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## **ADF has no beef with South Australian dairy farmers**

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Australian Dairy Farmers has no beef with South Australian farmers, ADF President Chris Griffin said today. He pledged to keep working for farmers even though the South Australian Dairyfarmers' Association (SADA) is no longer a member of the national body.

"We are committed to representing your interests and we don't want to let any disagreement with SADA stand in the way of providing you with strong leadership and solid representation on national issues," Mr Griffin said in a statement directed to South Australian dairy farmers.

"When you talk about water, carbon tax, unsustainable milk pricing, labour issues and animal health and welfare, you'll find ADF driving the national agenda for a sustainable, innovative and competitive dairy industry."

Earlier this month ADF removed SADA from membership of the national organisation for prejudicial conduct. Mr Griffin said ADF couldn't afford to have a member who was undermining ADF efforts to deliver outcomes for dairy farmers.

But that didn't mean the two groups didn't have common ground. "We might disagree about some things but we share these same objectives – to listen to the views of the industry, to work together on policy for the whole industry and to lobby on issues affecting farmers," Mr Griffin said.

"We still want to engage with South Australian farmers and hope to work with SADA and other South Australian dairy organisations to get their input on national issues," he said.

"In the meantime, the Australian Dairy Industry Council (ADIC) has asked SADA to maintain its contribution and involvement in the ADIC – in particular as a committee member of the ADIC Basin Plan Taskforce. ADIC is made up of ADF and the Australian Dairy Products Federation (ADPF).

"We hope that SADA will take up the invitation to contribute on dairy industry supply chain issues directly to the ADIC Board.

"We look forward to issues being resolved between ADF and SADA. After 12 months have elapsed we are more than happy to consider an application by SADA to rejoin as a member," Mr Griffin said.

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