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Australian Dairy Farmers CEO nominated for 2013 Telstra Victorian Business Women's Awards

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The 2013 Telstra Victorian Business Women's Awards has announced Australian Dairy Farmers CEO, Ms Natalie Collard, as a finalist in its Community and Government Award category.

The awards recognise women that are agenda-setters, leaders in their fields and an inspiration to other women, celebrating the valuable contribution women make to Australia business.

"I am humbled to be nominated for this prestigious award," Ms Collard said.

"It's an honour and a compliment to the culture and working environment of an organisation like Australian Dairy Farmers that I have been recognised in this way."

President of Australian Dairy Farmers (ADF), Noel Campbell, said the nomination was deserved recognition of Ms Collard's work in the public and not-for-profit sectors.

As President of the ADF, I am delighted to learn of Natalie's nomination for this year's Telstra Victorian Business Women's Awards," Mr Campbell said.

"Natalie is no stranger to roles of high impact and national importance.

"As an official with the Defence Department and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, she managed an emergency post-September 11 arms control meeting in Paris.

"She has also addressed the United Nations (UN) in Geneva on the topic of Biological Weapons.

"Moved by the plight of drought affected farmers, in 2000 Natalie became the Manager of Rural Affairs for the National Farmers Federation (NFF).

"Formerly a Director of Agsafe and now CEO of ADF, Natalie has demonstrated an abiding commitment to farming communities across Australia.

"In particular, she continues to apply her considerable skills to help secure a sustainable future for dairy farmers.

"Natalie is a worthy nominee for the Community and Government Award, and on behalf of the ADF I wish her every success in this endeavour."

The 2013 Telstra Victorian Business Women's Awards winners will be announced at a Gala Dinner at Crown Palladium on Tuesday 15 October 2013.

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