



Australian Dairy Industry Council Inc.

Media Release

Tuesday 29 April 2014

Policies must support dairy industry priorities on growth and profitability: ADIC

For immediate release

The Australian Dairy Industry Council (ADIC) has lodged its submission in response to the Federal Government's Agricultural Competitiveness Issues Paper.

In its submission, the ADIC calls on the Federal Government to focus on the following four priority areas in the short to medium term, if the dairy industry is to realise its full potential:

- Trade (improving market access in new and existing markets and in particular, China);
- Research, Development and Extension (RD&E);
- Overseas Labour Access; and
- On-farm capital investment.

Australian Dairy is a \$13 billion farm, manufacturing and export industry that directly employs 43,000 people on farms and in dairy processing, while more than 100,000 are employed in dairy service sectors.

ADIC Chair, Noel Campbell, said the dairy industry, with the right business environment, has the potential to grow, boosting Australia's economic growth and creating additional jobs in food production and manufacturing.

"Dairy farmers and the broader industry are constantly investing, adapting and innovating for a profitable, sustainable and productive future," Mr Campbell said.

"Building on the industry's efforts, the actions of the Australian Government will be pivotal in securing not only the dairy industry's future, but Australia's hard-earned reputation as a supplier of quality and safe dairy products.

"We are committed to working constructively with the Federal Government in advancing these important priorities for the Australian dairy industry."

The ADIC submission can be found on the Australian Dairy Farmers (ADF) website at <http://www.australiandairyfarmers.com.au>

-ends-

For further information please contact:

Karl Liebich

Media Officer

Tel: (03) 8621 4200 Mobile: 0409 296 339

Email: adfcommunications@australiandairyfarmers.com.au