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## Media Release

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### **ADIC Welcomes Release Of Green Paper**

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The [Australian Dairy Industry Council](#) (ADIC) has welcomed the release of the Government's [Agricultural Competitiveness Green Paper](#) and its focus on policy settings that will improve the profitability and competitiveness of Australian agriculture for farmers.

The Green Paper identifies nine policy principles to guide Government policy setting, including promoting access to key markets, building infrastructure and supporting strong and vibrant regional communities.

ADIC Chair, Noel Campbell said the Green Paper is a positive affirmation of the steps required to boost Australian dairy's economic growth, and complemented industry efforts to this effect.

"We welcome policy that will focus on increasing returns at the farm gate, promoting access to export markets and highlighting Australia's competitive advantages so we are prepared to realise the food demands of our region's growing middle class," Mr Campbell said.

"The implementation of these principles will help the dairy industry achieve a more profitable and sustainable future."

The ADIC recognises the proposed funding of dairy research, development and extension as an acknowledgment of its essential role in creating a more durable dairy industry.

Similarly, the ADIC is pleased with the proposal that water efficiency projects combined with improving existing water infrastructure and developing new infrastructure be implemented as these were key points in the ADIC's submission on the Agricultural Competitiveness Issues Paper.

The ADIC also acknowledges Government commentary on the use of Australia's diplomatic network of departmental agricultural specialists, with its on-the-ground presence, as one of our best tools for addressing technical barriers to trade (TBTs).

The ADIC will develop its response to the Green Paper ahead of the close of submissions in December to again highlight the dairy industry's priorities and ensure policy recommendations in the White Paper deliver tangible benefits for dairy.

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