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ADF welcomes Minister Joyce's support for dairy levy poll process review

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[Australian Dairy Farmers \(ADF\)](#) has welcomed support from the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, the Hon. Barnaby Joyce, for changes to the dairy industry levy poll process.

In a meeting with ADF President Simone Jolliffe on 3 February in Canberra, Minister Joyce confirmed the government's support of the proposed reforms, and the intention to introduce legislation to facilitate the changes in the Autumn 2016 Parliamentary session.

"Australia's dairy sector is an important and forward-looking industry, with good leadership and a strong vision for its future," Minister Joyce said.

"Levy payers have demonstrated strong support for these changes, which will simplify and streamline the dairy levy process".

Mrs Jolliffe said the changes are expected to generate significant savings to farmers through a simpler, less costly levy poll process, while still ensuring accountability in spending levy funds is retained.

"This means these levy funds can instead be redirected towards vital research, development and extension programs, increasing productivity and profitability and continuing to strengthen innovation within our industry".

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