



Australian Dairy Industry Council Inc.

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ADIC welcomes the backpacker tax resolution

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The Australian Dairy Industry Council (ADIC) welcomes the resolution of the backpacker tax.

ADIC Chair David Basham said after 18 months of lobbying the agricultural sector finally has a decision that ensures certainty for backpackers and employers.

"It is a good outcome for dairy farmers and small business owners to know that they will continue to be able to rely on backpackers for vital on-farm and off-farm roles which cannot be filled locally and to complement our existing workforce during peak times," Mr Basham said.

"The impact of months of indecision has been felt across the dairy sector and, for every day this issue remained unresolved, it affected the dairy industry and rural Australia."

The passage of the bill through the Senate ensures dairy farmers and processors can operate productive and profitable businesses.

"Along with other agricultural sectors, we have consistently said that we believe it is reasonable for backpackers to pay some tax, but the government's initial proposal was too high," Mr Basham said.

The decision to reduce the proposed tax rate from 32.5 per cent to 15 per cent tax maintains Australia's status as a competitive destination for working holiday makers, while ensuring they pay a fair level of tax.

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The Australian Dairy Industry Council (ADIC) is the dairy industry's peak policy body. It co-ordinates industry's policy and represents all sectors of the industry on national and international issues through its two constituent bodies, Australian Dairy Farmers Ltd (ADF) and the Australian Dairy Products Federation (ADPF). It aims to foster, promote and protect the interests of the Australian dairy industry by driving a whole of industry approach to dairy policy and the development of the dairy industry.