



*Australian Dairy Industry Council Inc.*

## Media Release

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**Australia endorses the Dairy Declaration of Rotterdam**

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**Immediate Release**

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Today, the Australian Dairy Industry Council (ADIC) proudly endorsed the International Dairy Fund (IDF) Dairy Declaration of Rotterdam, a commitment by the global dairy industry to support the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

The Dairy Declaration is a global platform designed to support key sustainability outcomes including ending poverty and hunger and protecting the environment. It was launched at the IDF World Dairy Summit in Rotterdam on Wednesday, 19th October 2016 and has been endorsed by the Food & Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO).

ADIC Chair, Terry Richardson, said the endorsement of the Declaration reflects our strong support for sustainable development, as evidenced by the Australian dairy industry's [Sustainability Framework](#).

"The Australian dairy industry is committed to finding innovative solutions and building capacity to develop the sustainable food systems and resilient agricultural practices envisaged by the goals," said Mr Richardson

"Our industry has a key role to play in protecting the environment, addressing climate change as well as providing nutritious food for consumers and a source of income for millions of people worldwide."

Dairy Australia Managing Director, Ian Halliday, welcomed the ADIC and wider industry commitment to the Declaration.

"The Declaration provides a positive set of goals for the industry to work towards and complements our existing sustainability framework," he said.

The ADIC looks forward to working with all IDF and FAO members to implement the Declaration and contribute to the realisation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

For more information on the Dairy Declaration of Rotterdam click [HERE](#)

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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.