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Dairy farmers welcome new federal ministers

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Australian Dairy Farmers (ADF) welcomes the return of David Littleproud to the agriculture portfolio, following his election on Tuesday as Deputy Leader of the Nationals.

Minister Littleproud has been a strong supporter of the dairy industry, particularly in our fight to break the back of discount supermarket products that have plagued dairy farmers for almost a decade.

We look forward to working with Minister Littleproud on key projects for the dairy industry, including delivering on election commitments that are now underway, such as exploring new ways in which the dairy industry can trade milk. There are a range of significant challenges that continue to impact on Australia's dairy farmers and we look forward to exploring appropriate solutions with the Minister.

ADF is also looking forward to working with new Water Minister Keith Pitt. Water is a priority for the dairy industry, with nearly 25 per cent of Australia's total milk production occurring in the Murray Darling Basin contributing more than \$2.6 billion to the economy.

We want to thank Senator Bridget McKenzie for her commitment to agriculture. During Senator McKenzie's tenure as Minister for Agriculture, the dairy industry's mandatory code of conduct was finalised as well as initiating a review of industry service organisations.

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