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### **HAVE YOUR SAY ON AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY ACTION PLAN**

Deputy Premier Andrew Stoner and Minister for Primary Industries Katrina Hodgkinson have today released the Draft Recommendations Paper for the Agriculture Industry Action Plan.

Mr Stoner said the recommendations have been carefully considered following extensive stakeholder engagement.

“Agriculture is one of the pillars of the NSW economy and the Liberal & Nationals Government recognises the need to develop a specifically tailored plan to position it for growth,” Mr Stoner said.

“Our location and timing of seasons, together with the high quality of our produce, mean NSW is perfectly positioned to take advantage of rising consumer demand in Asia.

“A recent report by Deloitte Access Economics predicted that agribusiness would be one of five sectors to grow significantly faster than global gross domestic product over the next 10 to 20 years, and we are determined to make sure NSW benefits from this growth.”

Ms Hodgkinson said the Draft Recommendations Paper has been developed by an industry taskforce led by leading beef producer, Ms Lucinda Corrigan.

“The action plan represents the first time a NSW Government in NSW has undertaken such a cooperative and strategic approach to planning for the future of the agricultural industries,” Ms Hodgkinson said,

“The taskforce received 44 submissions on the Issues Paper it released in July 2013 and this next stage of public consultation will inform the NSW Government’s final Agriculture Industry Action Plan.

“Those submissions, interviews and other meetings with stakeholders have formed the basis for the development of the ideas and actions outlined in these recommendations.

“The recommendations are extensive and address key issues for the industry in the areas of profitability; productivity; innovation; workforce; education; regulations; and community.

“After years of inaction from Labor, this NSW Liberal and Nationals Government is putting in place a comprehensive action plan to help the agricultural sector reach its projected potential, by identifying key challenges and opportunities during the next decade.”

The Draft Recommendations Paper is available at [www.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au](http://www.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au) and submissions close at the end of April.