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RATES PETITION

VFF petition against unfair regional rates

On the next page, you will find a copy of VFF's petition against unfair regional rates. We encourage you to print out copies of the petition and get your friends, neighbours and associates to sign it.

For the petition to remain valid and be able to be presented to the Victorian Parliament, you must adhere to the instructions below.

- The petition will only be accepted if the form below is used. Individual petition documents must not be created.
- Each person signing the petition must provide their name, address and signature for their contribution to be counted towards the final number of signatories.
- The petition must be signed in pen. Signatures in pencil cannot be accepted.
- The originals must be returned by post to the VFF mailing address below. Photocopied and scanned versions cannot be accepted.

If you have any questions about this, please call the VFF on 1300 882 833 and a member of our policy team will be able to assist you.

Please return all original copies to:

Victorian Farmers Federation
Ailsa Gibson
Farrer House, 24 Collins St
Melbourne
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If you would like additional information about rural rates, you can download our Fact Sheet.

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To the Legislative Assembly of Victoria

The Petition of Victorian ratepayers draws the attention of the House to the inequitable rating system applied to farmland by regional local governments.

The current rating system is based on the valuation of land and its improvements. This means there is an assumption those who own higher-valued assets have a greater capacity to pay.

Currently, Victoria’s farmers shoulder approximately 46 per cent of the rates burden in regional Victoria, but only make up around 12 per cent of the regional economy.

Regional Victoria’s municipal rating system is unbalanced, unfair and needs to be reviewed.

The petitioners therefore request that the Legislative Assembly of Victoria conduct an Inquiry into the fairness and equity of the local government rating system in rural and regional areas to find a more equitable way to apply rates to farmers.

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