

Candidate Name: Chris Bradbury

Party: Pauline Hanson One Nation

Electorate: McEwen

1. What local infrastructure priorities will you support to help benefit farming business/communities in the electorate you are running for?

RESPONSE:

Refer our water policies on the one nation website . Previous governments have allowed the sale of more than 20% of our water to foreign investors while with holding the records of those who trade in this precious commodity. One Nation will build new water infrastructure projects including dams and increase in supply of water to Australian farmers. We will also legislate full disclosure of water ownership and ban the sale of water to foreign investors.

2. How will you (or your party) address the agriculture labour crisis and support farmers in getting the workers they need on-farm?

Background: *Australia's agricultural industry is experiencing widespread labour challenges which threaten the viability of many farming businesses. These challenges have been compounded by COVID-19, and border restrictions which have severed access to overseas workers. Labour shortages result in produce going uncultivated and unpicked; productivity being choked; and the viability of farm businesses being challenged. The next Australian Government must act urgently to attract domestic and overseas workers to end this crisis.*

RESPONSE:

I believe this particular problem has been a result of the overdependence on welfare in the community. The fear mongering and overreach in the Covid disaster has resulted in an over reliance on government support in the community for welfare and impeded the individuals right and desire to go out and work for a living. In short this over dependence on government subsidies and involment in our lives has undermined the Australian culture of an honest days work . I believe in the principle of protectionism of our industries and promoting freedom to work un coersed. A principle of what has built this nation before and will again. The government sticks its nose in where it's not wanted far too often these days and it's about time people had the right to their own self determination. While i believe itinerate foreign workers play a key role in our culture and farming suces, I do not accept that they should be preferred over local workforce where available.

3. How will you (or your party) work to safeguard Australia's farm sector from future supply chain disruptions?

Background: *Agricultural supply chains stretch deep into global markets, enabling Australian farmers to sell their produce across the world. Recent turbulence in the global economy has disrupted many of these supply chains. Export and critical input supply chains, such as fuel, fuel additives, agricultural chemicals and fertilisers, almost came to a grinding halt in 2021. These near misses threatened to have a profound impact on Australia's economy and society. Action is needed as Australia transitions to a 'new normal' for international trade and supply chains. Australia needs a collective government-industry civil society approach to establishing robust contingencies for the next inevitable supply chain disruption, and a strategy for domestic manufacturing strategy for highly-vulnerable critical inputs.*

RESPONSE:

I'm not au fait with this topic to make a valid input beyond stating that i am prepared to look into it further. Suffice to say that Australia should be protected first and foremost when dealing with foreign interests. I believe in protectionism as former Prime Minister John Mcewen did.

4. How will you (or your party) support farmers to access the telecommunications services needed to grow their businesses?

Background: *Australia's farm sector has a vision to be Australia's next \$100 billion dollar industry by 2030. Achieving this vision requires significant innovation – including in how we connect regional Australians to critical telecommunications services. Economic modelling has found that adoption of digital agriculture can add an estimated \$20.3 billion to farm output, and lift the Australian economy by an estimated 1.5% (\$24.6 billion) by 2030. Of course, realising this potential requires adequate connectivity for farms – regardless of how remote they are.*

RESPONSE:

As an ex-Telecom employee I was proud of the previous practice that Telecom would subsidise communications infrastructure in remote areas in order to give everybody an equal share of the telecommunications network. I believe in this idea as a reasonable and practical way for government to legitimately contribute to the greater well-being of the nation.

5. How will you (or your party) arm farmers with the information and tools needed to respond to a changing climate and to participate in carbon markets?

Background: *Climate change will play a major role in Australian agriculture's next decade, exacerbating climate risk while creating diverse new income opportunities. The VFF supports an economy-wide aspiration of net zero emissions by 2050 provided:*

- *there are identifiable and economically viable pathways to net neutrality, including impacts from inputs such as energy; and*
- *Commonwealth and State legislation is effective, equitable and helps deliver on-ground programs that benefit agricultural interests and do not create unnecessary regulatory impediments.*

RESPONSE:

I refer to one nations policy on climate and belive the debate should be continued. The evidence and suggestions to date supplied by the IPCC should not be used as the overarching directive for how Australia should manage its farms and it's economy. They are destructive and nonsensicle in my honest opinoin.