



Policy Council Communique

Meeting 177

7 September 2022

The VFF Policy Council met on Wednesday 7 September 2022 via videoconference. Policy Council agreed to new policy statements in the areas of Agricultural Education, Biosecurity and Animal Welfare. Policy Council members also agreed to climate change advocacy strategy, setting a clear advocacy agenda that seeks to protect Victorian farmers from global responses to climate change and educates government and the public on how Victorian farmers are dealing with climate issues. The next Policy Council meeting is scheduled for December 2022.

Agricultural Education Policy Statement

Policy Council endorsed a new Agricultural Education policy statement as recommended by the Workforce and Social Infrastructure Committee. The new statement has been published on the VFF website.

Biosecurity Policy Statement

Policy Council endorsed a new Biosecurity policy statement as recommended by the Farming Systems Committee. The new statement has been published on the VFF website.

Animal Welfare Policy Statement

Policy Council endorsed a new Animal Welfare policy statement as recommended by the Farming Systems Committee. The new statement has been published on the VFF website.

Climate Change Advocacy Strategy

Policy Council endorsed a strategy focussed on VFF's advocacy on behalf of Victorian agriculture with respect to climate change issues. The strategy is focussed on protecting Victorian farmers from adverse outcomes caused by global responses to climate change and educating government and community on how Victorian farmers are responding positively to climate issues. The strategy follows the Policy Council's endorsement of the [Victorian Agriculture and Climate Change Statement](#) between government and industry.

Farming Systems Committee Appointment

Policy Council appointed James Russell as a member of the Farming Systems Committee. Mr Russell is a member of the VFF Grains Group and a young farmer from North East Victoria.