

# Media Release



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## Nominations open for the 2023 VFF UDV Policy Council Elections

The Victorian Farmers Federation United Dairyfarmers of Victoria (VFF UDV) Policy Council Elections are now open for nominations for a number of positions throughout Victoria.

**Nominations are sought for the VFF UDV President vacancy and roles representing the regions of Northern (formally UDV Regions 1,2,3 and 4), Gippsland (formally UDV Regions 5,6 and 7) and South West (formally UDV Regions 8,9 and 10).**

VFF CEO and Returning Officer Brendan Tatham urged VFF UDV members passionate about the future of Victoria's dairy industry to nominate and give a voice to local issues impacting dairy farmers.

"Victoria is the nation's dairying powerhouse and the industry is facing a host of challenges including impending changes to animal welfare laws, serious biosecurity threats, competition amongst the processors and changes to the Murray Darling Basin Plan."

"It is important that dairy farmers have a united policy council that represents grass roots VFF UDV members and that we get on with the job of advocacy."

"Now is the time to help get our voice heard and I encourage those interested to throw their hat in the ring to join the VFF UDV Council," Mr Tatham said.

Nominations open Friday 13 October 2023 and close COB Monday 23 October 2023.

All voting members of the VFF UDV are eligible to nominate for office and support a nomination for office. An election will be held if more than one nomination is received.

Further information has been distributed to VFF UDV Members regarding the nomination process.

The VFF UDV remains committed to getting on with the job of delivering the core mission of the advocating on behalf of Victorian dairy farmers.

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