



Australian
Farm Institute

Agriculture Roundtable Conference

10 & 11 November 2008, Hotel Realm, Canberra

Conference Dinner: Monday, 10 November 2008

5.00 pm	Delegates arrive and check-in
6.00 pm	Pre-dinner drinks and canapés
7.00 pm	Dinner
7.45 pm	Chairman's Address John Ralph AC, Chairman, Australian Farm Institute.
8.00 pm	Keynote Speaker The Hon. Tony Burke, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.
11.00 pm	Close

Roundtable Conference: Tuesday, 11 November 2008

7.00 am	Breakfast
7.30 am	Breakfast speaker Mitch Hooke, Minerals Council of Australia.
8.50 am	Introduction Mick Keogh, Executive Director, Australian Farm Institute.

Session 1: Greenhouse Emissions Trading and agriculture

9.00 am	The economic implications of emissions trading for Australian agriculture. David Pearce, Executive Director, Centre for International Economics.
9.25 am	The NZ emissions trading model and the point-of-obligation issue for agriculture. Kimberly Crewther, Climate Change Project Manager, Fonterra N.Z.
9.50 am	Questions and Answers
10.20 am	Morning Tea



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Session 2: Agriculture's current and future transport needs

- 10.50 am A retailer's view of the current and future transport needs of Australian agriculture.
Michael Batycki, General Manager Fresh Foods, Woolworths Limited.
- 11.15 am Australia's future transport and transport infrastructure needs
Shane Falkiner, Compliance Manager Asia-Pacific, Linfox Logistics.
- 11.40 am Questions and Answers
- 12.10 pm Lunch

Session 3: Agriculture in northern Australia – nirvana or nightmare?

- 1.10 pm Challenges in northern Australian agriculture and the role of corporates.
Don MacKay, Former CEO, Australian Agricultural Company.
- 1.35 pm Northern Australia's agricultural potential, and what needs to be done to attain it.
Felicity Robson, Corporate Marketing Manager, OneHarvest Group.
- 2.00 pm Questions and Answers
- 2.30pm Afternoon tea

Session 4: Global financial turmoil and the implications for Australian agriculture

- 3.00 pm Implications of global financial turmoil for the world economy.
Guy Hargreaves, General Manager Securitisation, Rabobank Australia Group.
- 3.25 pm What global financial turmoil will mean for the Australian economy and agriculture.
Jeff Oughton, Head of Economics – Australia & Industry, National Australia Bank.
- 3.50 pm Questions and Answers

Closing session

- 4.20 pm Overview
Mick Keogh, Executive Director, Australian Farm Institute.
- 4.30 pm Open forum
- 5.00 pm Conference close

