



Primary Industries and Biosecurity Policy

SFF Tasmania believes that farmers are the lifeblood of Tasmania. As such, they deserve the support of politicians who will protect their right to farm free from interference, and who won't pander to city-centric ideologies that have no connection to the land they claim to protect. We also believe there is a growing need to protect Tasmania's biosecurity, and ensure Tasmanian people can afford to eat high quality, healthy local foods. Over the last 12 months, we have seen our supermarket shelves empty as locally grown produce was sent to the mainland and overseas to restock their broken supply chains. While we believe Tasmania has the ability to be the food bowl of the nation, we believe that should never come at the expense of our own people. We have a responsibility to ensure Tasmanians have affordable access to the wonderful bounty of fresh foods grown and produced here and that all Tasmanians can afford to eat healthy.

If elected, SFF Tasmania will use their vote in parliament to:

- Recommend a legislated right to farm policy that will give Tasmanian farmers the security they need knowing they will not be subject to nuisance lawsuits or harassment by activists.
- Restore and strengthen private property rights, particularly for farmers, that allow them the right to earn a living free from extremist behaviours and interference. This would include recommending tougher penalties for farm invasions and livestock theft for activism purposes, as well as the removal of tax-free status from any charitable organisation that promotes illegal activity.
- Recommend grant programs that incentivise farmers to explore regenerative farming activities and encourage young farmers to continue to work in the agricultural sector.
- Recommend restrictions on how much local produce can be exported out of the state.
- Campaign for tax breaks for farmers and primary producers.
- Limit foreign ownership of agricultural land and businesses and to recommend majority ownership must remain with a Tasmanian or Australian citizen.
- Introduce programs that help farmers to donate excess produce and foods to charities and homeless shelters.
- Support the expansion of agricultural, forestry and mining industries balanced by the sustainable utilisation of all natural resources.
- Protecting our food security also means protecting our farmers' rights to earn a living free from extremist behaviours and interference.
- Increase funding for state-wide bio-security facilities to protect marine and land-based agriculture from threats such as fruit fly, blueberry rust, green snail and other bio-threats to our farmers and growers.