



Economic Development Rural Issues

Australian Christians believes that Australia must continue to have a competitive, sustainable and profitable rural sector and that independent family farms are a vital part of the social and economic fabric of Australian society.

We believe the primary emphasis should be placed on the actual well-being of rural people and communities rather than on the “paper performance” of a few rural industries.

Rural people and communities should reap an equitable share of the rewards of their production. Programs must be developed to help farmers and their families to stay on the land and earn sufficient income.

State and Federal governments have a responsibility to ensure that rural people have access to government offices, banks, hospital, medical and other vital services. Where such services are not economically viable to private enterprise, the State and Federal governments have a duty to provide innovative alternatives.

The Government has a responsibility to provide taxation and regulatory incentives for decentralisation, creation of new enterprises and expansion of existing enterprises and businesses in rural areas.

Local Government

Australian Christians recognises the importance of a healthy, vibrant and efficient local government sector as a major contributor to the health and well being of strong local communities