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Guy Barnett, Minister for Primary Industries and Water

Grants to boost pasture management skills

Tasmanian agriculture will be a cornerstone industry that helps rebuild a stronger state economy and our red meat sector will play a vital role.

Pastures are integral to red meat production in Tasmania, with a farm gate value of more than \$484 million (2017-18), and it is important our red meat producers are able to establish and maintain productive perennial pastures.

Grants of between \$20,000 and \$50,000 are now available through the Pastures Pathway Small Project Fund to support projects to help farmers develop good pasture management.

Eligible activities under the Pastures Pathway Small Project Fund will ensure that red meat producers and agri-business services are aware of the tools and resources available to assist them with good pasture management.

The fund is part of the three-year \$648,000 Pastures and Livestock Productivity Project, jointly funded by the Tasmanian Government, Australian Government and the Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture.

The project aims to improve pasture quality and quantity to increase livestock production and consists of three phases – social research, development of an extension model, and delivery of the Small Project Fund.

Pastures are vital to red meat production in Tasmania and this project will help producers improve their knowledge and skills in managing pastures.

Grant applications close on 12 June 2020 or until funds are fully allocated.

For more information, go to www.fampoint.tas.gov.au or call 1 300 292 292.