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Supporting future dairy leaders

The Tasmanian majority Liberal Government is the strongest supporter of our dairy industry, and is continuing to invest to help farmers grow the sector to create more jobs and to stimulate more investment in our regions.

Through the Dairy Farm Manager/2IC Program we are supporting the next generation of dairy farm managers by giving them access to the skills they need to excel and further grow Tasmania's dairy industry.

It was a great honour to present the inaugural class with certificates of completion at the Paranalple Convention Centre in Devonport. I wish graduates all the best for their bright futures in Tasmanian agriculture.

The management program supports dairy workers who want to take the next step in their farming career. It covers key business topics such as finance fundamentals, people management, reporting and governance.

This course has been funded as part of the Government's \$300,000 Dairy Extension Funding program which is delivering a suite of training for dairy producers.

Our dairy industry is now the largest contributor to Tasmania's farm gate value, worth \$429 million in 2017-18.

Recognising this, the Government has committed \$900,000 over four years through our 'Grow more, Milk more and Make more' initiative to work with dairy farmers on productivity, farm business and other value-adding strategies.

Growing our dairy industry, which is synonymous with the Tasmanian Brand, supports thousands of jobs across hundreds of farms and is a key part of the Tasmanian majority Liberal Government's Plan to increase the farm gate value of agriculture to \$10 billion by 2050.