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### **Agfest 2020 postponed**

While the decision to postpone Agfest 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic is disappointing for the entire community, the primary consideration must be the health and safety of all Tasmanians.

The Tasmanian Government is a strong supporter of Rural Youth Tasmania, and I commend their management of this event. I recognise that this decision has been a difficult one, but has been made in the best interests of exhibitors, volunteers and patrons.

In its 38th year, Agfest has become a key part of Tasmania's rural calendar and is a significant contributor to the Tasmania economy.

The Government is currently proactively working with Rural Youth Tasmania and the Agfest Committee on ways to support the agricultural sector and how best we can assist in delivering a bigger and better Agfest in 2021.