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Supporting our farming community

Many Tasmanians enjoy living in rural communities and that invariably means they interact or have a shared boundary with a farmer or primary producer.

The Tasmanian Liberal Government is launching the 2020 campaign, delivered by the Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association (TFGA), to help to ensure our farmers can continue to grow Tasmania's future.

The campaign aims to improve neighbours' understanding of farming activities, and clearly explains everyone's rights and responsibilities when living near agricultural producers.

The three-year \$100,0000 campaign funded by the Tasmanian Government works with farmers, the real estate industry, and Local Government to support good neighbourly relations, especially where farmland adjoins existing or new urban and peri-urban developments.

It aims to reduce the likelihood of land use conflicts in rural areas through awareness raising and information to prepare newcomers for the realities of rural life.

A new comprehensive information package and communications program developed by the TFGA will inform those from a non-farming background neighbouring farmland about essential farming activities and practices, as well as respective responsibilities of farmers and neighbours.

These resources will be invaluable in increasing understanding of the importance of our primary producers and recognition of their activities and how we can all assist in enabling good neighbourly relations.

The Tasmanian Government plans to grow the value of Tasmanian agricultural production to \$10 billion per year by 2050 and a key to this is helping farmers be competitive and provide them with the certainty and confidence to get on with the business of farming.

For more information about this initiative, go to www.tfga.com.au