

To Whom it may concern,

I'm in my final year of Agriculture Science at the University of Sydney and have grown up on a sheep and cattle property 45 km west of Crookwell NSW. I have worked in the Northern Territory and overseas in Ireland in the cattle industry. I believe something has to change if Australia wants to have a sustainable agricultural industry. I have seen the struggles that families go through just to break even. In comparison to competing countries, Australia is at a disadvantage. Australia could be using Agriculture as a stronger attribute, if the government could help each farm manager to just become 5 percent more productive that's a huge increase in Australia's productivity.

Farming is no longer a way of life, its tough. Just have a look at the statistics on mental health in rural communities compared to the cities. People living in the country deserve the same living standards as everyone else in Australia. How is someone supposed to run a successful business in todays world when half the time their internet isn't working? And they don't have mobile phone reception? The world is changing fast but for some very strange reason Agriculture is being left behind.

Thank you,

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