



House of Assembly Select Committee on Commonwealth Decisions on Agricultural Land

Terms of Reference

On Thursday, 13 August 2026, the House of Assembly –

Resolved, That: -

- (1) A select committee be appointed with the power to send for persons, papers and records to inquire into, consider and report on the impact of Commonwealth funding, investment, regulatory and policy decisions on strategically significant agricultural land in Tasmania, with the following Terms of Reference:—
 - (a) the influence of Commonwealth funding, financing and policy mechanisms, including the Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC), the Australian Carbon Credit Unit (ACCU) Scheme, the Support Plantation Establishment Program and other Commonwealth initiatives, on the acquisition, ownership and use of strategically significant agricultural land in Tasmania, including the acquisition of Rushy Lagoon and associated properties;
 - (b) the extent to which Commonwealth programs and incentives have facilitated the conversion of productive agricultural land in Tasmania to carbon sequestration, plantation forestry or biodiversity-related land uses, and the impacts of those changes on agricultural production, food and fibre industries, employment, regional communities and opportunities for agricultural ownership;
 - (c) the consideration given by the Foreign Investment Review Board and other Commonwealth decision-makers to Tasmania's agricultural, economic and regional interests in relation to the acquisition of Rushy Lagoon and associated properties;
 - (d) the adequacy of Commonwealth assessment, consultation, approval and oversight processes relating to decisions affecting strategically significant agricultural land in Tasmania; and
 - (e) legislative, regulatory, administrative or policy reforms to improve transparency, accountability and consideration of Tasmania's interests in Commonwealth decisions affecting strategically significant agricultural land.
- (2) The following Members be appointed to serve on the committee:—



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- (a) one Member nominated by the Leader of the House (Chair);
 - (b) one Member nominated by the Leader of Opposition Business;
 - (c) one Member nominated by the Leader of the Greens; and
 - (d) an Independent Member or Member of the Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party.
- (3) The committee report by 31 March 2027. (The Minister for Primary Industries and Water)