



RURAL AND REGIONAL COMMITTEE

Inquiry into the Capacity of the Farming Sector to Attract & Retain
Young Farmers & Respond to an Ageing Workforce

PUBLIC HEARING: BEECHWORTH

Thursday 4 August 2011

Time	Witness	Organisation
9.30am	<u>Graeme Nickless</u> Project Manager; Economic Development Manager	Alpine Valleys Agrifood; Rural City of Wangaratta
	<u>Guido Cossignani</u> Berry Grower; Board Member	Gapstead; Tobacco & Associated Farmers Cooperative
10am	<u>Ken Jones</u> Director	Murray Goulburn Dairy Co-Operative
	<u>Patten Bridge</u> General Manager Sustainability	
10.30am	<u>Greg Laidlaw</u> Coordinator	Rural Skills Connect
11am	Break	
11.15am	<u>Tony Shirley & Carl Fraser</u> Rural Financial Counsellors	Goulburn Murray Hume Agcare Ltd
	<u>Trish Forrest</u> Partner	Rosstulla Beef & Sheep
	<u>Narelle Forrest</u> Farmer	
11.45am	<u>Dr Tim Clune</u> Chair	Alpine Valleys Agribusiness Forum
	<u>Julie de Hennin</u> Board Member	
12.15pm	<u>Claire Penniceard</u> Director & Owner	The Pig Pen Pty Ltd
12.45pm	Break	
1.15pm	<u>Dr Kristy Howard</u> Agricultural Consultant	Inspiring Excellence
	<u>Mark Hooper</u> , Farmer	Alpine Dorpers
	<u>Nicola Bussell</u> , Farmer	
1.45pm	<u>Sue Brunskill</u> Teacher	National Environment Centre, TAFE NSW Riverina Institute
2.15pm	<u>Helen McGowan</u> Lawyer	Albury Wodonga Community Legal Service
2.45pm	<u>Doug James</u> Farmer	Bungeet
3.30pm	Questions from the floor	