



NORTHERN AUSTRALIA FOOD FUTURES CONFERENCE 2016

INVESTING IN NORTHERN AGRICULTURE 11-13 April - Darwin Northern Territory

Building on the success of the inaugural 2014 Northern Australia Food Futures Conference, we are delighted to announce the 2016 Northern Australian Food Futures Conference, which will take place in Darwin over three days. This leading industry conference will bring together key industry stakeholders, government agencies and business leaders to discuss and identify opportunities for investment in agribusiness. Discussions will be held on topics and ideas such as the global and regional levels of investment; how to develop pathways of investment; existing challenges and ways to overcome them and understanding the perspective and role of Australian government.

- The vision and role of Australian governments (Federal and State), around northern agri-development.
- The regional and global case for agri-investment in the north of Australia.
- The different pathways for agri-investment in the north.
- The existing and potential competitive agricultural business opportunities.
- The plans and progress for Indigenous leadership, partnership and participation in northern agri-business development.
- How Australian branding can be further harnessed to gain market access for Australian agri-produce.

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PROGRAM

Apr 11: Welcome Reception

Apr 12: Conference Day 1 | Conference Dinner

Apr 13: Conference Day 2

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SPEAKERS INCLUDE

Key thinkers from around Australia and internationally will participate in panel discussions and share their experiences and knowledge with delegates.



**The Hon
Brendon Grylls,**
Master of
Ceremonies



**The Hon.
Adam Giles,**
Chief Minister
of the Northern
Territory



**The Hon. Kenneth
(Ken) Charles**
Baston MLC,
Minister for
Agriculture and Food;
Fisheries (WA)



David Anthony,
Chairman,
Auscott Limited



Gavin Scurr,
Piñata Farms
Pty Ltd



**Robert
Boshammer,**
Farmer, Ord
Valley



David Williams,
Director,
Investment
Bank Kidder
Williams Ltd

For a full list of speakers attending the Conference please visit: <http://www.foodfuturesntfarmers.org.au/speaker>



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“ Food Futures 2014 was one of the most refreshing conferences I have ever attended. The format, content and organisation were excellent, to the extent that Opus is proud to sponsor Food Futures 2016.”

Dr Peter Gehrke, Environmental Technical Principal, Opus International Consultants

“ Food Futures 2014 was an inspiring conference, opening my mind to the breadth of opportunities for agricultural development across Northern Australia as well as to the developing markets to our North. I can highly recommend attending Food Futures Conference 2016 in Darwin”

Gareth Jones, Manager Regional Agribusiness Development Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries

“ NT Farmers did a great job with the Food Futures Conference 2014. I can highly recommend the Food Futures Conference 2016 in Darwin for those interested in developing agriculture in northern Australia.”

David Anthony, Chairman, Auscott



From Shenal Basnayake CEO, NT Farmers Association



Welcome to Northern Australia Food Futures 2016 to be held in Darwin 11-13 April at Darwin Convention Centre. NT Farmers represents farmers who have succeeded in northern agriculture, producing around \$200 million of turnover in 2015, starting from a small cottage industry in 1980.

Success in northern agriculture is possible, led by good government policies, driven by markets and economics and implemented by good business models. Politicians have created a great environment for northern development. Its up to us in the community to put some meat on the bone of development, the can do and the how to.

Food Futures Conferences brings together our friends in Western Australia and Queensland to discuss development of cropping in northern Australia. Held in Darwin NT, Food Futures is truly a northern Australia event, with farmers from a vast area covering the Top End, the Gulf, the Cape, the Ord, the Centre and the Kimberley. We are all in the same development space, with common issues and common problems. Different regions have different ideas and different solutions, this exchange is an important part of Food Futures Conferences.

Food Futures has a simple goal of empowering individuals to act - politicians, farmers, and government agencies, through identifying good ideas, good business models, as well as understanding markets and economic drivers.

Food Futures 2016 has a focus on investment, exploring questions such as; what do investors want, what are the opportunities and what are the business development models.

If you are interested in northern agricultural development I invite your participation in the Northern Australia Food Futures Conference 11-13 April 2016.

From Minister Willem Westra van Holthe NT Deputy Chief Minister, and Minister for Primary Industry and Fisheries.



Welcome to Darwin and the Northern Australia Food Futures Conference 2016. The Northern Territory Government is a big supporter of this important initiative by NT Farmers. Those who attended the 2014 Food Futures Conference know what a great event NT Farmers produced for Northern Australia.

The Country Liberals Government is committed to northern development, working closely with counterparts in Queensland and Western Australia and the Federal Government. We all need to work together across borders. We all share a common goal to see Northern Australia reach its full potential in coming years.

The investment focus for 2016 Food Futures Conference is extremely important and timely.

In my travels, I see strong interest world-wide in land in Northern Australia. Government policies like the pastoral lease diversification policy have profound effects on the investment environment.

The strong program for Food Futures 2016 promises to attract global interest, excellent speakers from investment houses, politics, government agencies and farmers at the coalface, make for a fascinating mix. I have encouraged participation by my Ministerial counterparts in Queensland, Western Australia and Federally in Food Futures 2016.

I look forward to the next Food Futures Conference 11-13 April 2016.

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