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Chair, Western Division Council

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H.E. Mr. Mendsaikhan Zagdjav
Minister of Food, Agriculture and Light Industry of Mongolia (MoFALI)
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Dear Minister,

Re: Declaration of 2026 as the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists

NSW Farmer's Association Western Division Council is the autonomous policy setting body for the NSW Farmers' Association with regard to issues affecting agriculture in Western NSW. I write on behalf of the NSW Farmers' Association to provide in-principle support for the proposal to designate 2026 as the International Year of Rangelands & Pastoralists.

NSW Farmers' Association is Australia's largest state farming organisation representing and progressing the interests of farmers across the State and across all agricultural commodities. Our purpose is to build a profitable, productive, and sustainable farming sector under diverse climatic and geographic conditions to achieve \$30 billion in output by 2030.

The agricultural activity across the NSW Western Division is diverse - from pastoral and free-range livestock production through to cultivation of crops and horticulture. The challenges and opportunities we face are environmental, including total grazing pressure, weed spread and pest infestation. The sustainability of current and future water supply by management and preservation (river systems and aquifers) is paramount

However, managing the balance of agriculture above the ground with an increasing interest in identifying and extracting increasingly valued mineral deposits is an evolving issue for the region.

In supporting the proposed declaration of 2026 as the International Year for Rangelands and Pastoralists, the Western Division Council considers the following would be valuable activities:

- Opportunities to highlight evolving practice and sustainability for agriculture in arid environments;
- Masterclasses that highlight innovation and evolving practice for sustainable land management;
- Biodiversity and invasive species (plant and animal) management for viability of rangelands now and into the future; and
- Managing impact of competing interests seeking to access the riches of the region.

Should further information be required, contact should be made through Kathy Rankin, Policy Director by email at rankink@nswfarmers.org.au or by phone on +61 2 41336 3431

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Greg Rogers'.

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CHAIR

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