

Economy's bright Light

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The Prime Minister's rural tour last weekend gave farmers an opportunity to tell their stories about the effects of the drought.

Agriculture is a bright light of the economy, contributing \$48 Billion in 2013. We're good at farming and Australian farmers receive less government assistance than any other nation.

I appreciate the words from the Prime Minister when he agreed that drought support is not about propping up failing businesses. These viable farms and rural communities need a hand up, not a hand out.

Most Australians understand what a struggle it can be for those who operate in this complex industry that feeds the nation. Sometimes the best-laid drought preparedness plans can only go so far.

The National Farmers Federation has provided to government what we believe is a sensible relief package and we look forward to a response.

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