

RURAL ACTION MOVEMENT (QUEENSLAND)

MISSION STATEMENT

The **Rural Action Movement (Queensland)** is committed to bringing about:

- 1) The removal of World Parity Pricing so as to ensure that the costs of fuels are reflective of Australian costs of production and, with equal fuel prices Australia wide.
- 2) The establishment of a Development Bank with low interest rates for rural, regional and urban customers.
- 3) Repeal the International Tax (Agreement) Act 1953, which will then ensure that multinational corporations pay tax at the same rate as Australian residents and Australian companies.
- 4) Rescind the National Competition Policy that has imposed a devastating effect on Australians by the de-regulation of industries.
- 5) Real Taxation Reform, by investigating alternative forms of Taxation Systems including a Financial Transaction Tax (FTT).
- 6) The reversal of the centralisation policies of past Governments
- 7) Realistic tax incentives to stimulate business to relocate part of their operations to rural locations
- 8) Periods of tax exemptions for businesses relocating to rural locations thus increasing rural populations
- 9) The implementation of prices that reflect the real cost of production
- 10) The implementation of cost reduction of farm supplies

The **Rural Action Movement (Queensland)** is determined to achieve:

- The establishment of a Development Bank that will provide long-term venture capital for small businesses, primary and secondary producers at low interest rates.
- Implementation of a National infrastructure program to include:
 - ◆ A National Water Grid by harnessing the fresh water resources of Northern Australia
 - ◆ Rural access to improved road funding
- Implementation of anti-trusts to contain the domination of the retail trade by the major chain stores
- Restoration of an orderly market support scheme to give farmers guaranteed access to domestic markets
- Full financial support for industries affected by Government policy

Small business owner/operators, farmers, growers and ordinary Australians are already suffering as a result of...

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| a) The draconian Water Act 2000 | g) The contemptible Vegetation Management Act 1999 |
| b) Depressed farm prices | h) Deliberate de-population of rural areas by government policy |
| c) World Parity oil pricing | i) Centralisation of government services |
| d) Native Title | j) Lack of a Development Bank |
| e) Cheap imports/Tariff removal | k) AQIS decisions allowing imports that put our environment and markets at risk |
| f) High farm costs including fuel | l) De-regulation of rural industries including: beef, dairy, egg, fishing, fruit & vegetables, sugar and tobacco |

It is the responsibility of ALL Australians, regardless of political persuasion, religious belief or geographical location to take control of the influences that govern their everyday lives.

There must be...

- **NO** more deregulation
- **NO** more forced closures of Queensland small, medium and large businesses
- **NO** more corporatisation or privatisation of Queensland's public assets, and
- **NO** more treating Queenslanders with contempt

It is absolutely essential that our Queensland farming families are provided with whatever protection is necessary, to ensure the viability of Queensland's rural economy and the sustainability of Queensland's primary and secondary producers.

Concerned Queenslanders formed the **Rural Action Movement (Queensland)** in an effort to provide much sought after information and assistance not currently being provided, and to **UNITE** under one vigorous group, regardless of geographical location, whether primary or secondary industry, small business owner-operator, employer, employee or just '**had a gutful**'.

The **Rural Action Movement (Queensland)** is a registered non-profit, non political party aligned, primary producer support group, which has no affiliation or association with any self-interest minority groups, and, whose solitary objective is to coordinate a united, independent political lobby group, to represent Queenslanders.

**Help regain Australia's National Sovereignty and
Economic Independence**