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Ms Karen Paluzzano, MP,
Chair of the LA Standing Committee on NRM (Climate Change)
Parliamentary House
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Attention: Mrs Cheryl Samuels

Dear Ms Paluzzano

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission to the Legislative Assembly Standing Committee on Natural Resource Management (Climate Change) Inquiry. The Department of Primary Industries (NSW DPI) has provided its input into the Inquiry via the NSW Government submission which has been coordinated by the Department of Environment and Climate Change.

NSW DPI is working to improve our scientific understanding of climate change, to identify and develop mitigation and adaptation strategies and to inject that knowledge into the decisions of government and our primary industry stakeholders. These efforts will help protect the State's social, environmental and economic interests while providing a platform for primary industries to meet the challenges and opportunities ahead.

A key strength of NSW primary industries is their demonstrated ability to innovate and adapt. NSW DPI's principal role in supporting our primary industries is to inform their understanding of the likely impacts of climate change and to seek to ensure access to the tools and technology the sector needs to respond efficiently and effectively.

NSW DPI also has an important role in advising government of primary industry interests and issues to ensure well informed policy and regulatory settings are established. NSW DPI is actively involved in the development of policies, strategies and actions to mitigate emissions and promote adaptation to climate change. NSW DPI has committed to climate change initiatives in several National and State forums.

If you require further information on this matter, please contact Adam Badenoch, Chief of Staff in my office, on 9228 3344.

Yours sincerely



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