

LIVE EXPORT — FEDERAL GOVERNMENT POLICY

351. Mr P.J. RUNDLE to the Premier:

I have a supplementary question. The Premier has said that he will do his best to support WA farmers. Unlike the previous the Premier, he at least knows that there is a consultation phase. Will the Premier talk to Anthony Albanese and the federal agriculture minister and show his support for this WA industry?

Mr R.H. COOK replied:

We will make our position clear to the Albanese government, but I once again urge everyone who believes that they will be impacted by the decisions being looked at by the panel to make a submission and engage in that process. Obviously, if decisions with adverse impacts are made, we want people and the federal government to understand that there has to be some way that it can work with the industry to minimise those impacts. But it is important that people remember that they must engage in that process and, ultimately, this is a decision of the federal government and one for which it has a mandate. As a result, I urge members to engage strongly with the federal government.