



## Country Women's Association of New South Wales

### Current issues

**Action:** C – Communication      S – Submission      M – Meeting

Issue	Action	Status
<b>Agriculture &amp; Environment</b>		
Request that fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) packaging contains a warning on mercury content and safe disposal instructions.	C	Ongoing
Engage support of National and International women's organisations to lobby their governments to urgently resume World Trade Organisation (WTO) negotiations for the removal of tariffs and agricultural subsidies.	C	Awaiting response
Objection to any proposal by the State Government's to sell land at agricultural high schools and agricultural colleges.	C	Ongoing
Comment to Inquiry: Wild Dog Destruction Regulation 2009 Regulatory Impact Statement	S	Awaiting outcome
Objection to the lifting of the ban on the importation of beef and beef products from countries that have been infected with bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) from March 2010.	C	Ongoing
Request that the State and Federal Governments develop legislation to protect prime agricultural land from mining activities that could impact on agricultural food production and ground and surface water systems.	C	Awaiting response
Request that the State and Federal Governments' future water plans must include environmental, social and economic issues to ensure that a fair and balanced sharing of water resources can be achieved.	C	Awaiting response
Request the Minister of Energy to act upon the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) ruling on electricity prices which could result in regional and rural customers paying up to 42% more for their electricity by 2013.	C	Awaiting response
A call for the Federal & NSW Governments to restore farmers' rights to sustainably manage and develop their properties, pass legislation to pay farmers fair and reasonable rent for the provision of environmental services and provide just terms of compensation when making decisions that devalue property.	C	Awaiting response

<b>Education</b>		
Submission to Inquiry into Rural and Regional Access to Secondary and Tertiary Education Opportunities, regarding the proposed changes to the work criteria for the Youth Allowance Scheme.	<b>S</b>	Awaiting outcome
Monitoring of the relocation of Dalwood Assessment Centre and Palm Avenue School to ensure it continues to provide essential services for rural children.	<b>C</b> <b>M</b>	Ongoing
Request that the Government reinstate the Parents as Teachers (PAT) program for regional and rural families.	<b>M</b>	Awaiting outcome
<b>Health/Social Security</b>		
Access to outreach medical services for self-funded retirees in rural and remote NSW to alleviate the need for travel to larger centres.	<b>C</b>	Ongoing
Support for Orange City Council's call for the regional helicopter retrieval service based in Orange to be funded to operate 24 hours.	<b>C</b>	Awaiting response
Support for the re-establishment of Cudal Hospital and urgent re-instatement of the Accident and Emergency Department.	<b>C</b>	Ongoing
Call for the Federal Government to encourage open debate on Physician Assisted Dying to gauge the level of community support.	<b>C</b>	Awaiting response
Support of the proposed National Disability Parking Permit Scheme but stet the inclusion of walking sticks as medical aids.	<b>C</b>	Awaiting response

<b>Transport/Telecommunications</b>		
Request that funding for Roads to Recovery be indexed relative to the Australian Bureau of Statistics Road Construction and Maintenance Index.	<b>C</b>	Ongoing
Request that government allocate a proportion of the Building Australia Fund to the 'first mile' of the rural local road network.	<b>C</b>	Awaiting response
Submission to Draft Telecommunications (Emergency Call Service) Determination 2009	<b>S</b>	Awaiting outcome
Request that the NSW Government reconsiders its registration levy on vehicles over 975kg as it is unjust to charge rural drivers to fund a metropolitan transport plan in addition to being unfair to farmers who require heavier vehicles to work with.	<b>C</b>	Awaiting response
Request that the NSW Government delay the phasing out of regular grade unleaded petrol to allow for an extensive advertising campaign to inform the public of the impending changes.	<b>C</b>	Awaiting response
Urge the RTA to investigate the over-reflective glare by vehicle headlights on reflective road signs as well as the distraction caused by moving 'neon-like' signs.	<b>C</b>	Awaiting response
<b>Miscellaneous</b>		
Submission to Harmonisation of Disability Parking Schemes in Australia Consultation.	<b>S</b>	Awaiting outcome
Request for a review of the method of charging fire service levies on insurance premiums to find a more equitable method of funding fire services.	<b>C</b>	Awaiting response
Urge the NSW Government to challenge the legality of the RSPCA destroying animals prior to notification to the owner and verification from a qualified independent veterinarian.	<b>C</b>	Awaiting response