



STUART GRIMLEY MP

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Support for the Dairy Supply Chain:

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Member for Western Victoria Stuart Grimley has asked the State Government to consider additional investment in road and rail networks to reduce the cost and time it takes for dairy farmers to export their products.

Mr Grimley, in his address to Parliament on behalf of struggling Western Victorian farmers, said that "fluctuating milk prices, dry spells, limited road and rail networks" made it progressively more difficult to make a living from Victoria's - once thriving - dairy industry.

During his speech, Mr Grimley also stated that "whilst the Andrews Government can't control the weather, [they] do control Victoria's road and rail network", and therefore to consider more investment into the deteriorating road conditions and lack of direct road and rail infrastructure within Western Victoria.

Mr Grimley also referred to recent comments by two of his Parliamentary colleagues, stating that "in light of recent comments in this place, I want to make it apparent that I absolutely support our farmers who supply us with the food that we eat and who keep our regional towns alive".

Last month, fellow Western Victoria MPs Andy Meddick and Beverley McArthur exchanged words about the promotion of dairy, meat and other animal products and implementing 'meat free Monday' into Parliament House.

Mr Grimley's Electorate of Western Victoria covers many regional and rural communities which rely heavily on dairy farming in Victoria's South-West.

You can view the full speech [here](#).

Quotes Attributable to Stuart Grimley MP:

"I look forward to the Ministers' response about additional future investment in the regional road and rail network, so that our farmers can do their job more efficiently.

If you visit some of these rural Victorian communities, it's visible that the roads - and lack of freight rail - are inhibiting growth of the agricultural sector.

There's no question that without our farmers in regional and rural Western Victoria, there would be less food available for our tables, less exports, meaning less income and less work in regional communities."

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