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**Devonport to Host First Dairy Code Consultation**

Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, Senator Richard Colbeck, welcomed the beginning of the consultation process around a proposed mandatory Code of Conduct for the dairy industry.

Assistant Minister Colbeck said he was pleased the North West was able to lead off on the consultation process nationally.

**Assistant Minister Colbeck:** “North West Tasmania is dairy heartland and the perspectives of farmers here matter a great deal when it comes to future decisions made for the industry.

“I encourage all dairy farmers in the region to come along and have their voices heard.

“The Coalition Government is working to provide a framework that ensures a fair balance of power in the dairy supply chain, and we come into this consultation process with open minds.

“By being first cab off the rank, Tasmanian dairy farmers will have a great opportunity to set the tone for this national process and will contribute significantly to the final outcome.”

All interested parties are invited to come along to the Devonport RSL at 11:30am Thursday 8 November. Further information can be found at [https://haveyoursay.agriculture.gov.au/dairy-code-conduct](https://haveyoursay.agriculture.gov.au/dairy-code-conduct).

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