

BULLETIN

Farm and Industrial Machinery Dealers Association



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State and Federal budgets, what's going to benefit the farm machinery sector?

Dear Member,

Please find below a summary of information contained in recent Federal and Victorian State Budgets. There is some good news in respect of tax, duty and infrastructure initiatives that will assist in the helping members bottom-line and keeping regional Victoria's agricultural community buoyant.

Federal

- An extension of the asset instant tax write-off (up to \$20,000) till June 2018 for businesses with an annual turnover of less than \$10 million

State – Regional Victoria

- \$530.6 million to maintain and upgrade regional roads and bridges, and plan for future expansions to cater for regional growth.
- An increase in the tax-free payroll threshold to \$625,000 as of 1 July this year. Businesses in regional Victoria will also receive a reduced payroll tax rate from 4.85 % to 3.65%, benefitting around 4000 businesses
- Removing the 10% insurance duty on agricultural products, and making it cheaper for farmers to insure against crop, livestock and equipment damage.
- \$44.4 million to protect Victoria's agricultural sector from biosecurity risks, and to maintain market access and people's livelihoods.

More detailed information on both Federal and State budgets can be found by accessing these links:
<http://budget.gov.au>

<https://www.budget.vic.gov.au/>

Regards

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