



TAYLOR TALKING AGRICULTURE ON ROAD TRIP WEST OF YOUNG

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Angus Taylor, the coalition candidate for Hume, spent last Friday travelling up the railway line to Young's west from Stockinbingal to Caragabal in a bid to talk to families, business owners and farmers about their concerns.

Mr Taylor said that he had spent a "fair bit of time" attending shows and going to communities events in the bigger places like Young over the past twelve months. He said that it was important that people who lived in and around the smaller villages and localities in the Hume electorate felt that their particular concerns are being understood and listened to.

Mr Taylor said:

"Communities further west of Young have their own issues and concerns that are particular to them.

"The big focus for the people I spoke to was on sustaining agriculture and family farming businesses in this region. In recent years in the Bribbaree and Quandialla areas in particular there has been some large scale corporatisation of farms and farming land. Many people are not happy about the way the corporate farmers operate as there is a sense that they do not contribute to communities that farming families do. Farming is the backbone of these small communities, so there is a strong feeling that corporate farming must either change the way it engages with the communities, or the corporate experiment will fail.

Last week Mr Taylor criticised Labor's recently announced agriculture package and he said Labor had no vision on agriculture. Mr Taylor said:

"The feeling about this government amongst the farming communities is one of despair. Agriculture is seen as a fringe industry amongst most Labor politicians and Labor has no sense of what it means to be engaged in agriculture. They ruined the live export industry for Northern Australia. The effects of this policy failure are now being felt more acutely all over the country with the lack of rain and downward pressure on cattle prices.

"This government has been a disaster for rural Australia and for farmers in particular. It doesn't need to be like this."

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