



Strengthening protections against unfair contract terms

The Federal Treasury has recently advised that the **Treasury Laws Amendment (Enhancing Tax Integrity and Supporting Business Investment) Bill 2022** was introduced in the House of Representatives on 9th February.

A key aspect of the reforms is that the definition of 'small business' will be altered, from a business employing up to 20 FTEs and having up to \$1m annual turnover, to a business with 100 FTEs or less and \$10m annual turnover or less.

This will place the great majority of chicken growers within the 'small business' definition, affording them the protections against Unfair Contract Terms that are provided by the **Australian Consumer Law**.

The Bill, explanatory memorandum and second reading speech are available via the Parliament of Australia website [here](#).

Non-confidential submissions (including one from ACGC) received on the exposure draft bill in late 2021 can be found on the Treasury website [here](#).



National Farmers Federation

The NFF is calling on the Parliament to pass competition law reforms to better protect farmers and small businesses. A Bill introduced last week seeks to make unfair terms illegal and to establish pecuniary damages. NFF CEO Tony Mahar said [the bill was a good start and more reform was necessary](#) to create a level playing field for farmers.



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Cyber security and your farm

An important message from AgriFutures: Recently AgriFutures Australia published a report on the growing threat of Cyber Security breaches for Australian Agricultural industries. This was in the wake of the attacks on the [Australian Wool Innovations Exchange](#) and [JBS Foods](#). With the growing threat of cyber attacks, we have produced a simple fact sheet to on nine simple ways for a producer to secure their data and keep their farm business safe.

Most of the time, it is the simple procedures that we overlook that can leave us vulnerable. Attention to things like password protection, data backup, antivirus software, permission setting and firewall use can go a long way to protecting your farm business. The report and the fact sheet can are now available at the AgriFutures website:

[Click here to download Cyber security basics: reducing the risk of a cyber-attack | AgriFutures Australia](#)



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Outlook 2022: Growing agriculture through innovation and sustainability

ABARES Outlook 2022 conference is Australia's premier information sharing and networking forum for people in agriculture, fisheries and forestry. The conference runs from Tuesday 1 March to Friday 4 March. For the second year running, this event will be fully virtual and includes 3 x 1-hour daily sessions over four days addressing significant trends and issues for the agriculture sector. Speakers are industry leaders and experts from across Australia and the world.

Presentations of interest to the Australian chicken meat industry include:

Livestock: when premium traits become a social license to operate - Wednesday 2 March – 3:00pm – 4pm AEDT

The future of biosecurity - Thursday 3 March - 10:00am - 11:00am AEDT

Future of food: what it means for Australia - Thursday 3 March - 3:00pm – 4pm AEDT

Sustainability reporting: why and how - Friday 4 March - 10:00am - 11:00am AEDT

Registration is free and can be arranged online by clicking [here](#).