

# Toowoomba Regional Outlook conference

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## ABARES Regional Outlook conference

Toowoomba City Golf Club  
254 South Street  
Toowoomba, Queensland





## Registration is complimentary

### Registration includes:

- conference entry
- morning, lunch and afternoon tea
- copy of the delegate directory for easier networking
- copy of ABARES 'About my region' agricultural industries profile
- access to ABARES recent publications

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8.30 AM Registration

## Innovation in agriculture – capturing the opportunities

CHAIR **Jodie Gunders**  
ABC Rural

9.00 AM Welcome to Country

**Senator Barry O'Sullivan**  
Senator for Queensland  
*Opening address*

9.30 AM **Peter Gooday**  
ABARES  
*Big picture issues affecting Queensland*

9.50 AM **Michael Dean**  
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade  
*Free Trade Agreements: agriculture, trade and foreign investment*

10.10 AM Questions and discussion

10.30 AM Morning tea

## Innovation in broadacre agriculture

CHAIR **Richard Routley**  
Department of Agriculture and Fisheries

11.00 AM **Andrew Cameron**  
ABARES  
*Commodity outlook and issues*

11.20 AM **Chris Hood**  
East West Road and Rail  
*Getting grain to markets efficiently*

11.40 AM **Tim Neale**  
Premise Agriculture  
*Digital technology, big data and agricultural productivity*

12.00 PM **Chris Lawlor**  
International Animal Health Products  
*Biological control of livestock parasites*

12.20 PM Questions and discussion

1.00 PM Lunch

## Intensive and irrigated agriculture in a changing environment

CHAIR **Vic Pennisi**  
Regional Development Australia Darling Downs and South West

2.00 PM **Joel Lisonbee**  
Bureau of Meteorology  
*Look out for the outlook*

2.20 PM **Adam McVeigh**  
Mondure Homestead/Nuffield Scholar  
*Extracting value from irrigation infrastructure*

2.40 PM **David Bray**  
Darwalla Milling/Golden Cockerel  
*Production of high quality and efficient poultry in a changing environment*

3.00 PM **Nigel Corish**  
New Leaf Ag/Nuffield Scholar  
*Growing irrigated cotton with sustainable methods*

3.20 PM Questions and discussion

4.00 PM Close and afternoon tea