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Draft Dairy Code available for further consultation

Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources Richard Colbeck is encouraging people involved in the dairy industry to give their feedback on the draft Dairy Code.

Assistant Minister Colbeck: “The draft Dairy Code was designed with feedback from the first round of consultations in all eight dairy regions, including in Devonport in November.”

“There is now a second opportunity for consultation as promised, including two tele-town halls that will give even more people the opportunity to hear more and to have their say.

“Farmers are busy people, particularly this time of year, and by opening up the consultations with this exciting new format they will be able to call in and engage in real time without having to physically be off the farm.

“Tasmania is dairy heartland and some farmers and processors here may have different views on the Dairy Code to some of their mainland counterparts.

“It is important that we strike the right balance of power between farmers and processors so that players across the industry remain strong into the future.

“For those people who are unable to call in to the tele-town halls I encourage them to email their submission to the *Have Your Say* website so that their voices are heard.”

A number of documents have been publicly released online ahead of the final stages of consultation including:

- [Issues raised at public consultations on a dairy code](#)
- [Draft clauses for dairy code](#)
- [Draft clauses for dairy code – overview for farmers](#)
- [Draft regulation impact statement \(RIS\)](#)

More information about the draft code and consultations can be found on the *Have Your Say* website at <https://haveyoursay.agriculture.gov.au/dairy-code-conduct>. People can also email dairycode@agriculture.gov.au or phone 1300 044 940.

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