



Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries Industry Supply Group Key Messages, Thursday 30 April 2026

- The Department of Natural Resources and Environment (NRE Tas) has established an Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries Industry Supply Group, recognising the importance of our industries to Tasmania's economy.
- NRE Tas also recognises that our sectors have a unique perspective on the current global fuel and fertiliser uncertainties which impact on price and availability of other key inputs.
- NRE Tas has established a team to support industry and progress streams of work including exploring alternative fertilisers, monitoring island supply on key inputs and providing regular and coordinated communications to industry.

What action Tasmania is taking

- To ensure we understand the unique needs and issues for our Tasmanian agriculture and fisheries sectors, NRE Tas is working with the Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries Industry Supply Group on mapping, scenario analysis and lead time assumptions for key inputs such as feedstock, plastics and transport and logistics. This includes mapping feed stock movement into Tasmania from feed stock importers.
- The Tasmanian Government is investing in international trade discussions focused on fuel and fertilizer supply.
- In late April, the Deputy Premier, the Hon Guy Barnett MP, travelled to Singapore and Indonesia as part of a trade and investment mission focused on fuel security and fertiliser supply.

- Minister for Primary Industries and Water, the Hon Gavin Pearce MP has met with Tasmania's two key fertiliser suppliers on supply matters.

About fuel

- Tasmania's fuel supply remains stable and secure, with no change to the overall position.
- There are no statewide shortages, and deliveries continue in line with normal commercial arrangements.
- Fuel stocks remain strong at approximately 104 days of petrol and 63 days of diesel, as at 21 April 2026.
- Retail fuel stocks across Tasmania remain within normal operating ranges, with over 98.33 per cent of outlets being stocked.
- Tasmania remains at Level 2, Keeping Tasmania Moving, aligned with the National Fuel Security Plan.
- Data visibility continues to improve, with better transparency of stock levels, shipping data and retail pricing.
- Government coordination and industry engagement are fully embedded, with planning progressing to scenario-based contingency planning.
- The Government is exploring options for a Tasmanian specific strategic reserve for diesel, both in the short term and long term.
- Tasmanian fuel supply updates are produced on Friday afternoons and can be found
 - https://www.recfit.tas.gov.au/get_involved/fuel-supply-update-for-tasmania
 - <https://alert.tas.gov.au/fuel-supply>
- NRE Tas is participating in the fuel to scenario-based contingency planning to ensure the needs and issues of Tasmania's agriculture, aquaculture and fisheries industries are considered.

About fertiliser

- Australia remains well positioned, and experienced fertiliser distributors supporting continued access to global markets.
- Maintaining reliable supply for winter and spring remains a key focus of all governments.
- Fertiliser consignments are continuing to enter Australia, and work is underway with industry to support fertiliser entering through a broader range of supply pathways.
- 517,228 tonnes of urea entered the country between 5 March and 26 April.

- The Australian Government is taking action to shore up fertiliser supply, taking a global approach which is diversifying market sources, underwriting fertiliser shipments, streamlining biosecurity and exploring onshore production capabilities.
- NRE Tas Information for primary producers will be available on the NRE Tas website with a dedicated landing page under development.

Focus going forward

- Ensuring regular updates and information regarding fertiliser are provided to industry.
- Finalising the continuity mapping and scenarios analysis and providing feedback to Industry on the outcomes.
- Monitoring feed supply of the larger feed importers has been completed. Biosecurity Tasmania is now gathering information on small importers of grains and pellets.
- Commence more detailed knowledge on emerging plastic related matters.

For more information for producers

Contact Farmpoint for advice and information, on 1300 292 292 or email farmpoint@nre.tas.gov.au

Low interest loans to help logistics and manufacturing businesses impacted by current conflicts are available through the Economic Resilience Program - <https://business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/economic-resilience-program>

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