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## **Anne-Marie cares, but do our politicians?**

Anne-Marie Best is passionate about helping farmers and rural communities. Last year she founded the 'We Care' road trip, supporting farmers and rural communities, which has so far raised nearly \$85,000.

Ms Best is now getting behind another rally, the Convoy To Canberra, on December 2 and 3 which is calling for governments to 'Can The Plan'. She has taken on the role of regional coordinator for the Newcastle and Hunter Valley region.

"It is very evident the current Murray-Darling Basin Plan is not working, and the more I research the more passionate I become about getting politicians to fix it," she said.

"I will be at the rally to offer my support in any way I can. I would like to see our Federal Government listen to people on the land, rather than basing their decisions on so-called 'experts' who have no actual real life experience.

"We need to fix some of the inequities that are having a devastating impact on our farmers and communities.

"For example, I believe water and land should never have been separated, and I believe introducing full transparency in water trading is an absolute must.

"I would like to see the Water Act 2007 updated, because it's now 2019 and things have changed a lot over the last 12 years.

"I am scared for our national security and scared for our family farmers and rural communities.

"I want a federal Royal Commission into all aspects of water management."

Ms Best said she encourages everyone to support the Convoy to Canberra, because a strong message needs to be delivered to our federal parliamentarians.

"I want to see Australia's food bowl flourishing again so farmers and their communities are not destroyed by the ridiculous situation we presently face," she said.

## **Media Release**

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“We have to meet with Prime Minister Scott Morrison, and call for him to show leadership, intervene and fix the mess that governments have created.” Anyone from the Newcastle and Hunter Valley region who wants to participate in the rally is asked to contact Ms Best at [wecareroadtrip@gmail.com](mailto:wecareroadtrip@gmail.com) or phone 0402 133 145.

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**Caption:** Anne-Marie Best, a long time advocate for food producers and regional Australia