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Rabobank support for clients impacted by Tasmanian bushfires

Agribusiness bank Rabobank Australia has advised it will make a range of measures available to support farming clients impacted by the devastating bushfires in Tasmania.

Rabobank state manager for Tasmania Greg Bott said the bank would work directly with affected rural clients to help support them through difficulties resulting from fire damage.

Mr Bott said clients in applicable circumstances would be eligible for a range of support measures, including:

- deferral of scheduled loan payments
- waiving of break costs on early redemption of Farm Management Deposits
- waiving of fees on loan increases necessary to assist in rebuilding operations and
- waiving of fees for equipment finance contract variations.

Mr Bott said Rabobank staff had been attempting to contact clients in affected areas to check on their wellbeing and offer the bank's assistance. "At this point, we are heartened that we have no known clients who have been badly affected by the fires," he said.

He urged any impacted clients who had not yet spoken to the bank to make contact with their local branch or to phone Rabobank on 1800 025 484.

Mr Bott said while it is still too early to gauge the full impact of the fires on the Tasmanian agricultural sector, it was clear that many properties were at least going to require supplementary feed for stock.

Mr Bott said Rabobank employees were also currently involved in assisting volunteers send food supplies to people on the peninsula who had been displaced by the fires.

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