

# Media Release

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## **PETER WALSH MP**

Leader of The Nationals

Deputy Leader of the Coalition

Shadow Minister for Agriculture

Shadow Minister for Water

State Member for Murray Plains

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## **Food and Fibre Export Performance Report**

The 2014/15 Food and Fibre Export Performance Report shows Victorian food and fibre exports increased by \$282 million.

That is compared to a \$1.2 billion increase last year under the Liberal-Nationals Coalition.

Over the past four years under the Coalition, food and fibre exports grew from \$8.8 billion to \$11.4 billion.

### **Comments from Leader of The Nationals and Shadow Agriculture Minister Peter Walsh:**

“These figures reinforce the importance of the food and fibre sector to Victoria’s economy and the jobs it creates in our regional communities.

“It is concerning Labor has cut the agriculture output budget by 12 per cent, the trade output budget by 61.5 per cent and refuses to fully support the China-Australia Free Trade Agreement.

“If our food and fibre sector is to continue to prosper, it needs a real budget commitment from the Labor Government – not just words.”

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