

FARM AND RURAL LEGAL SERVICE

This factsheet will answer your questions about Legal Aid Queensland's Farm and Rural Legal Service.

What is the Farm and Rural Legal Service?

The Farm and Rural Legal Service gives advice and help to Queensland rural producers and rural-based businesses who have significant debt-related problems or are in dispute with their lenders, or are facing financial hardship that relates to their business of primary production. The Farm and Rural Legal Service lawyer travels to see clients throughout the state, helping rural producers on the farm, at a venue of the farmer's choice, at a Legal Aid Queensland office or by telephone. The Farm and Rural Legal Service lawyer will attend meetings with your bank or other creditors.

How can the Farm and Rural Legal Service help me?

If you are a Queensland rural producer or rural-based business facing significant debt-related problems the service can give advice on:

- legal documents
- legal processes
- legal options
- relevant Queensland and Commonwealth laws
- the conduct and actions of other parties.

The service can also help with:

- writing letters on your behalf
- providing written opinions
- negotiating on your behalf
- mediations and conferences
- completing documents
- referring you to other agencies for help.

What other help does the Farm and Rural Legal Service offer?

The Farm and Rural Legal Service lawyer will:

- work with other advisers, such as rural counsellors, your accountant and private lawyer
- advocate for rural producers
- address meetings on issues of current interest to rural producers as a part of community education
- make submissions on legal issues relating to the rural sector
- review submissions made on rural legal issues.

Can the Farm and Rural Legal Service represent me in court or do my conveyancing?

The Farm and Rural Legal Service lawyer cannot do any court work or prepare any court forms. They cannot prepare any conveyancing documents or do general conveyancing work.

What does it cost?

The Farm and Rural Legal Service is free of charge to Queensland rural producers and rural-based businesses. No means or merit tests apply.

How do I contact the Farm and Rural Legal Service?

Call Legal Aid Queensland on 1300 65 11 88 for the cost of a local call from anywhere in the state and ask for the Farm and Rural Legal Service.

Or call our Toowoomba office (where the service is based) directly on (07) 4687 2933 or fax (07) 4687 2930.

For more information
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