

Frank Catanzariti — Candidate for Murrumbidgee Irrigation High Security Director



I'm putting my hand up for the Murrumbidgee Irrigation High Security Director position because I believe our high security water entitlement holders need strong, practical and independent representation.

I'm married to Kylie and together we have five children. Family, farming and our local community are important to me, and I want to help ensure the decisions being made today support the future of our families, businesses and communities for generations to come.

I completed my Higher School Certificate at Griffith High School before beginning at Bartter's Enterprises. I worked in sales and was also involved in setting up their computer systems, which were among the first of their kind in Australia. I later moved into the finance and accounts section, gaining valuable experience in business operations, finance and administration.

While I enjoyed my time in business, my passion for agriculture eventually called me back to the family farm. Since then, I have been involved in growing citrus, stone fruit and vegetables, gaining firsthand experience of the opportunities and challenges faced by farmers and the importance of reliable water.

The family business partnered with Perfection Fresh Australia to grow their Vine Sweet® mini caps and broccolini. Through this partnership, we have built our operation into becoming their biggest NSW grower of broccolini - a track record built on efficient operations, strong partnerships and consistent quality.

That experience has given me a practical understanding of what it takes to run an agricultural business, manage resources efficiently, build successful commercial partnerships and make decisions with the long term in mind.

Throughout my time in business and agriculture, I have developed strong communication, negotiation, and mediation skills. I understand the importance of listening to different perspectives, finding common ground and working towards practical outcomes that benefit all parties.

I believe these skills are particularly important when representing shareholders and working constructively with other directors, management, and stakeholders, it is that experience that is directly relevant to representing high security water entitlement holders.

My focus would be on:

- **Water security and efficient allocation** - ensuring shareholders have reliable, well-managed access to water for their operations.
- **On-farm technology and efficiency** - supporting innovation that helps growers get more from every megalitre.
- **Strong representation** - ensuring the interests and concerns of high security entitlement holders are heard and considered in the decisions that affect their businesses and future.

Reliable water security is fundamental to the future of our farms, businesses, and communities.

If elected, I will bring a practical business and farming perspective to the board, listen to shareholders, ask the difficult questions and use my communication, negotiation and mediation skills to work constructively towards practical outcomes.

I'd appreciate your support and your vote.

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