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Listening politician

I WAS pleased to see that Lucy Radzikowska's story on feeding the world (*Farm Weekly*, November 25) encourages people to make contact with their local politicians and reports a positive response when she made contact with her own parliamentary representatives to "test the water".

The accompanying Rural Rant about new grain rail funding could have reinforced this message if it had mentioned that two Agricultural

Region members, my colleague Jim Chown and I, attended the announcement.

Because of our keen interest, we both adjusted our commitments to enable us to travel to Katanning on a parliamentary sitting day.

Jim and I are both from farming backgrounds and have a practical understanding of country concerns.

Farm Weekly noted our attendance in its editorial coverage earlier in the same

issue, so I hope that readers linked the two stories and are aware of our willingness to put the bush first and to meet at the local level.

Lucy is right. Your local member does listen and does care. Try me.

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