# A message from the Honourable Julie Collins MP, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry: Video description and transcript

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## Introduction

This is the accessible text transcript welcome message video created for attendees at the Woman on Agricultural Boards event on 17 September 2024.

## Transcript

[Video begins]

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[Audio]: Hi everyone.

It’s a pleasure to see so many attendees at this, and I’m sorry I can’t be with you in person.

The Albanese Labor Government has set a target this year for women to hold 50 per cent of all Australian Government board positions.

I am personally invested in this outcome, and I had the honour as Minister for the Status of Women 11 years ago of launching the Gender Balance on Australian Government Boards Report.

Proudly, we have made great progress on gender equity.

As of 1 July, more than 50 per cent of my portfolio’s directorships were held by women, with 58 female directors out of 115 positions.

We want to continue this good work.

That’s why I’m delighted Deputy Secretary Tess Bishop’s group is organising a range of communication and networking activities to promote directorships to women, starting with today’s addresses and panel discussions.

Today is about encouraging talented women, and ensuring they have the support they need to step up as leaders and make their mark on the future of Australian agriculture.

Thank you and good luck today.

[Video ends]

[End of transcript.]

**Acknowledgement of Country**

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of Australia and their continuing connection to land and sea, waters, environment and community. We pay our respects to the Traditional Custodians of the lands we live and work on, their culture, and their Elders past and present.

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