Sheep Sustainability Framework Steering Group Member

Position Description

Position:	Sheep Sustainability Framework Steering Group Member
Reporting to:	Steering Group Chair and Sheep Sustainability Framework Board
Supported by:	Manager - Sheep Sustainability Framework
Remuneration:	Expenses and sitting fees will be paid in accordance with the Meat & Livestock Australia's (MLA) Policy on payment of expenses and sitting fees for MLA committees.
Commitment:	Approximately 60 hours per annum. This includes at least 6 x 3-hour meetings and 2-3 key stakeholder events.
Tenure:	3 x 12-month terms (consecutive)

About the Sheep Sustainability Framework

The Sheep Sustainability Framework was launched in 2021. The role of the Sheep Sustainability Framework (SSF) is to monitor, measure, and report on the performance of the Australian sheep and wool industry against sustainability priorities.

Data and trends gathered through the SSF help to identify opportunities on-farm, in transport, processing, and at the customer interface where practices can be improved by both the industry and individuals.

In doing so, the SSF can be used by industry to help protect and grow access to investment, finance, customers, and markets by providing credible evidence of performance and improvement. Further, individual enterprises may use the Framework to understand the industry's material issues and consider these in their forward planning.

The Sheep Sustainability Framework is owned, designed, and developed by the Australian sheepmeat and wool industry through the peak national policy and advocacy bodies Sheep Producers Australia (SPA) and WoolProducers Australia (WPA).

The SSF is led by a Board that oversees its governance and strategic direction. The Sustainability Steering Group (SSG) is a panel of experts that supports the Board to continuously strengthen the Framework and its reporting.

The sheep industry Research and Development Corporations (RDCs), Australian Wool Innovation (AWI) and Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA) provide resources in support of the SSF.

About the position

The role of an SSG Member is to support the Australian sheep and wool industry in demonstrating its commitment to sustainability through the reporting and activities of the Sheep Sustainability Framework. Furthermore, SSG members are expected to represent and promote the Framework in the sectors of the value chain in which they are actively involved.

More specifically, the SSG is responsible for the design, development and delivery of the Framework, monitoring progress against the SSF's Strategic Plan and providing feedback on relevant issues related to sustainability reporting and stakeholder engagement. The Steering Group also takes primary responsibility for examination and reporting on the Framework's material topics.

To complement the current skills and composition of the SSG, Expressions of Interest are sought for people with experience and knowledge in:

- sheep production as an average Australian sheep production enterprise;
- sheep production as a large-scale, shareholder or investor-owned enterprise;
- banking/finance that supports sheep producers and supply chains;
- the sheep production supply chain as a service provider in a farm advisor, wool broker, livestock agent, sustainability consultant or similar role.

Benefits in getting involved

Members of the SSG have the opportunity to support the long-term sustainability of the Australian sheep industry by improving reporting on the care of our animals, land, people and communities.

Additionally, you will be part of a forward-thinking and collaborative committee that strives for continuous improvement and to be on the forefront of industry sustainability reporting. There is also opportunity to engage with a wide variety of stakeholders throughout the Australian sheep value chain that actively participate in and align with the Sheep Sustainability Framework.

Key skills and qualifications

The successful candidate will have:

- Strong understanding of the Australian sheepmeat supply chain, including:
    - issues affecting the sustainability of large-scale sheep production enterprises, and
    - challenges and opportunities in meeting consumer demands for sustainable sheepmeat and wool.
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills.
- Ability to analyse complex issues and work with others to collaboratively arrive at sound decisions.
- Willingness and availability to attend committee meetings and key events.

Desired (but not essential) qualities may include:

- Knowledge of best practices and standards in sustainability reporting.

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Further information

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