



Cattle Council's Operations, Taskforces and Associated Committees



Cattle Council is a prescribed peak council under the Australian Meat and Livestock Industry Act 1997.

Cattle Council evaluates the performance of and planning of the strategic goals to be pursued by levy funded bodies, Meat and Livestock Australia, Animal Health Australia and the National Residue Survey.


Cattle Council is funded by voluntary membership subscriptions paid by State Farmer Organisations and by the Red Meat Advisory Council (RMAC) for the industry activities it performs on behalf of all Australian beef cattle producers

Cattle Council's key role is providing practical policy advice at the farm and industry level to the Federal Government on issues affecting producers' profitability.

Cattle Council's specialist Taskforces provide detailed advice on the key affairs affecting industry, such as animal health and welfare, environment and climate change, research, development and extension, industry systems and food safety, marketing and trade and biosecurity.

Cattle Council represents all Australian beef cattle producers and subsequently is involved in all aspects of the beef industry at a national level.

Cattle Council's respected position also allows it to proactively seek out industry opportunities of national value to the beef industry which are then advocated to stakeholders and activated through the industry's red meat service provider, Meat and Livestock Australia.

The Cattle Council has been a full member of the National Farmers' Federation (NFF) since both organisations were formed in 1979. Through membership of the NFF, Cattle Council has input to cross-sectoral rural issues such as the environment, taxation, telecommunications and industrial relations. 



CATTLE COUNCIL GOVERNANCE TASKFORCE

This taskforce manages Corporate Governance issues relating to the running of Cattle Council of Australia.

Chair

Paul Saward

CCA Representatives

Greg Brown
Tim D'Arcy

Associated External Committees

NFF Policy Council
Red Meat Advisory Council Board
Meat & Livestock Australia's Industry Strategic Planning
Meat & Livestock Australia Selection Committee

CATTLE COUNCIL INDUSTRY SYSTEMS & FOOD SAFETY TASKFORCE

Cattle Council Committee relating to systems such as Meat Standards Australia, National Livestock Identification System and Livestock Production Assurance as well as food safety issues within NRS, SafeMeat and AUSMEAT among other issues in these general areas relating to the Australian beef cattle industry.

Chair

Peter Hall

CCA Representatives

Stuart Kenny
Grant Maudsley
Alex Stubbs
Terry Toohey
Bob Barwell
Stewart Heriot
Leonard Vallance
Paul Saward

Associated External Committees

Agricultural Business Research Institute Board
AUS-MEAT Committee (*Australian Meat Industry Language & Standards Committee*)
CCA/NRS/ALFA Beef Industry Advisory Committee (BIAC)
Livestock Production Assurance Advisory Committee (LPAAC)
SAFEMEAT Partnership
SAFEMEAT Executive
SAFEMEAT Working Group
National Livestock Identification Cattle Advisory Group
International Livestock Resource & Information Centre Ltd

CATTLE COUNCIL ANIMAL HEALTH, WELFARE & BIOSECURITY TASKFORCE

This taskforce manages animal health, animal welfare and biosecurity issues relating to the Australian beef cattle industry.

Chair

Ross Peatling

CCA Representatives

Peter Hall
Alex Stubbs
Sam Gunn
Bob Barwell
John Timmins
Michael Campbell

Associated External Committees

National Bovine Johne's Disease Committee
Bovine Johne's Disease MAP reference group
Bovine Johne's Disease Tech Advisory Group
National Animal Health Consultative Committee (AHA)
National Farmers Federation Quarantine and Animal Health Task Force
North Australia Quarantine Stakeholder Consultative Committee
Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy (TSE) Freedom Assurance Program National Advisory Committee
Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy Freedom Assurance Program National Technical Committee
Animal Welfare Standards Reference Group – Transport/ Cattle
Australia Animal Welfare Strategy Livestock Production Group
Cattle Disease Contingency Fund Board
Foot and Mouth Disease National Government and Livestock Industry Policy Forum
Livestock Export Animal Welfare Group, Chairs Group
Emergency Animal Disease National Management Group
Livestock Export Animal Welfare Group, Operations Group
National Arbovirus Monitoring Program Co-ordination Group
National Animal Health Information System (NAHIS)
Screw-worm fly working group
AUSVETPLAN Technical Reference Group
AAWS Feral Animal Group
Biosecurity Planning Reference Group, Extensive Industries
Emergency Animal Disease Reference Group
World Society for the Protection of Animals Long Distance Transport Taskforce

CATTLE COUNCIL ENVIRONMENTAL TASKFORCE

Cattle Council Committee relating to environment, climate and water issues relating to the Australian beef cattle industry.

Chair

Howard Smith

CCA Representatives

Michael Campbell
Justin MacDonnell
Hamish Munro
Terry Toohey
Michael McCormack

CATTLE COUNCIL RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT & EXTENSION TASKFORCE

Cattle Council Committee relating to the research, development and extension issues relating to the Australian beef cattle industry.

Chair

Leonard Vallance

CCA Representatives

Grant Maudsley
Stuart Kenny
Richard Chamen
Stuart Herriot
John Timmins
Chris Nixon
Tim D'Arcy

Associated External Committees

MLA Live Export R&D Advisory Committee
MLA R&D Taskforce

CATTLE COUNCIL MARKETING & TRADE TASKFORCE

Cattle Council Committee relating to marketing, trade and market access issues relating to the Australian beef cattle industry.

Chair

Richard Chamen

CCA Representatives

Howard Smith
Justin MacDonnell
Hamish Munro
Sam Gunn
Michael McCormack

Associated External Committees

MLA Beef Marketing Taskforce
Livestock Export standards Advisory Committee (LESAC)
Japan US Steering Committee
Live Export Industry Consultative Committee
NFF Trade Sub Committee