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Cattle Australia on Track

Cattle Council of Australia (CCA) has formally handed the constitution for the new Peak Industry Council, Cattle Australia, onto its founding members for endorsement.

The founding members are the eight State Farming Organisations, who will need to approve Cattle Australia's constitution, if it is to replace CCA as the legislated representative body.

WA Farmers' Livestock President, Geoff Pearson who participated in the Restructure Steering Committee said it was the first step that will allow CCA to clear the way for the new organisation.

"The new constitution will give Cattle Australia a clean start and producers and industry need to get behind the new organisation," Mr Pearson said.

"The State Farming Organisations set up Cattle Council and its up to them to put the transition in motion.

"This is a rare chance to give the beef industry the clout it deserves, by bringing the industry together.

"We have to make the best of this opportunity and come to an agreement that keeps Cattle Australia on track."

NTCA Chairman, David Connolly said the new organisation would give producers more say over the future of their industry.

"What's important is we get the right outcome, a stronger and more united voice for producers," Mr Connolly said.

"Producers will be able to directly elect their own representatives, and those representatives will be accountable.

"All the pieces are in place to create a significantly more powerful representative body, with the interests of beef producers at its core."

AgForce Queensland Livestock President Will Wilson said the transition was a once in a generation opportunity at reform.

"This is the best opportunity at meaningful reform that I've seen in my working life," Mr Wilson said.

"The new constitution will give Cattle Australia a solid start, with room to review and improve the organisation in 24 months.

"We need to grab the bull by the horns and get this one done – we owe that to beef producers across Australia."



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Livestock SA President Joe Keynes said the industry would benefit once Cattle Australia is formed (constituted), as the changes being made addressed the major criticisms parts of the industry had with the Cattle Council structure.

“Cattle Australia will take the good from Cattle Council, and build on those strengths,” Mr Keynes said.

“Cattle Australia will make improvements in democracy, transparency, and financial sustainability when it comes to industry representation.

“We will get this right, for the good of our industry today and into the future.”

The constitution will be released to the public once it is endorsed by the eight State Farming Organisations.

Cattle Council Founding Members

AgForce (Queensland), NSW Farmers, Livestock SA, Northern Territory Cattlemen’s Association, Pastoralists’ and Graziers’ Association of WA, Tasmanian Farmers’ and Graziers’ Association, Victorian Farmers’ Federation, WA Farmers.

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