

## **Expression of Interest**

### **National Livestock Genetics Consortium**

### **Skills Based Taskforce Vacancy – Adoption**

**Date:** 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025

**MLA Program:** Livestock Genetics

#### **1. Purpose**

Meat & Livestock Australia and the National Livestock Genetics Consortium are seeking expressions of interest from individuals with extensive professional experience in adoption of genetics in both sheep and/or cattle.

#### **2. Relevant and necessary background**

The National Livestock Genetics Consortium (NLGC) is a skills-based taskforce, established in 2016 by MLA. The NLGC provides direction and support to increase collaboration, transparency, communication and investment in livestock genetics research, development and adoption (RD&A) for the benefit of Australian red meat producers. The primary aim of the NLGC is, through strategic research investments, to increase the rate of genetic progress for traits that drive value chain productivity & sustainability in the sheep and beef industries.

The outcomes of the [NLGC 2030 Strategic plan](#) are:

- An industry improvement of 2% in the rate of genetic gain annually through access to world leading genetic/genomic technologies
- Genetics is an established long-term enabler for achieving productivity and sustainability goals
- Genetic tools addressing sustainability outcomes are available to users across the supply chain
- Data platforms that enable genetic data to be leveraged in R&D to underpin continual data capture are established.

These will be achieved through supporting RD&A investments that align to one of the strategic pillars outlined in the NLGC plan:

- Enabling transparent and flexible investment
- Continuous improvement of world leading genetic tools
- Improved social, economic and environmental outcomes
- Delivering direct impact of genetic investment to industry through adoption
- Facilitating bold, collaborative and impactful R&D

#### **3. Terms of Reference**

The NLGC Taskforce are seeking to find an individual with extensive experience in industry adoption of livestock genetics. As well as having the skills to ensure investments through the NLGC will deliver greater impact for livestock producers and the red meat value chain.

The NLGC is currently seeking an individual with the following essential experience and skills:

- Current or preceding industry adoption expert
- Knowledge and understanding of livestock genetics
- A proven track record in facilitating increased rates of adoption in industry for livestock genetics or other relevant sectors
- Ability to work collaboratively with scientists, producers and industry experts to achieve common goals.
- Involvement in adoption of utilising genetic and genomic tools

Applicants with the following knowledge and understanding will be preferred:

- Involvement in strategic thinking and planning
- Problem-solving skills

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#### ***Review Criteria***

Applicants are required to provide both an **Application Form** and **Resume**.

The application form is required to be a summary outlining your skills, knowledge and experience, and your motivations for taking on this role, please ensure this highlights all relevant skills as required.

For further information on the role of Taskforce members please refer to the [NLGC Taskforce Terms of Reference](#).

#### **Submissions:**

Applicants should submit both a cover letter and CV to Sarah Butler ([livestockgenetics@mla.com.au](mailto:livestockgenetics@mla.com.au)) by **COB 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025**.