Please download a copy of the Terms of Reference and watch the PDS webinar to assist you in completing this preliminary application form. Available at [www.mla.com.au/pds](http://www.mla.com.au/pds), ‘Get Involved’.

Tenders must comply with all requirements specified within this preliminary application form and the Terms of Reference. All sections of this application form must be completed. The application guidelines may assist completing this application.

This preliminary application form should be no more than **4 pages** once completed, excluding any additional declarations required as per the Terms of Reference and the privacy statement.

The privacy statement (only) can be on a 5th page (if needed). Please do not delete the privacy statement.

**Preliminary applications which include a completed declaration (see Annexure 1 of the Terms of Reference), and application form are to be submitted electronically via email to:** **pds@mla.com.au**

If you have any queries regarding the PDS application process please contact one of the following people for assistance, Russell Pattinson PDS Coordinator, Ph 0419 872 684 / Maria Thompson PDS Coordinator Ph 0411 961 545 / Alana McEwan MLA Project Manager, Ph 0417541 000.

***NB: Please delete all instructions/examples within the application before submitting***

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| **PRIORITY:**  *Identify the regional priority/ies this application will address, as per the terms of reference:* |

**MLA Region** *(refer to* [*PDS application guidelines*](http://www.mla.com.au/pds) *document for maps)*

Please select the MLA consultation region/s **and** climatic zone/s relevant to this application

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| ***MLA consultation Region*** |  | ***Climatic Zone*** |  |
| **NABRC** | **SALRC** | **WALRC** |  |  |  |
| Southeast QLD |[ ]  Northern NSW |[ ]  Southeast |[ ]   | Cool/Cool Temperate |[ ]
| South QLD |[ ]  Central & Western NSW  |[ ]  South Coast |[ ]   | Mild/Warm Temperate |[ ]
| Central QLD |[ ]  Southern NSW |[ ]  Great Southern |[ ]   | Sub-tropical/sub-humid  |[ ]
| Western QLD |[ ]  Western VIC |[ ]  Southwest |[ ]   | Mediterranean |[ ]
| North QLD |[ ]  Central VIC |[ ]  Upper Great Southern |[ ]   | Rangelands/Pastoral |[ ]
| Northwest QLD |[ ]  Southeast VIC & TAS  |[ ]  Eastern Wheatbelt  |[ ]   | Tropical Moist |[ ]
| Katherine Region  |[ ]  South Australia  |[ ]  Goldfields |[ ]   | Tropical Wet |[ ]
| Barkly Region |[ ]   |  | Mid-West/Midlands |[ ]   |  |  |
| Central Australia |[ ]   |  | Northern Agricultural Region  |[ ]   |  |  |
| Kimberley |[ ]   |  | Gascoyne/Murchison |[ ]   |  |  |
| Pilbara |[ ]   |  |  |  |  |  |  |

*Note: We encourage applicants to consult with their relevant Regional Research Committee on their project proposal.*

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| **Group Name** |  |
| **Project Title** |  |
| **Contact Person** |  |
| **Phone Number** |  | **Mobile Number** |  |
| **Email Address** |  |
| **No. of Members** |  | **Location of Group** |  |
| **No. of ‘Core’ producers** |  | **No. of Demonstration sites** |  |
| **Project start date** |  | **Project completion date** |  |
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| **Contracting Organisation**

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| **Name** |  |
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| **Street Address** |  |
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| **Insurance** The tenderer must provide details of current insurance policies held by it and each proposed subcontractor and supplier:

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| **Insurance type** | **Policy number** | **Extent of cover: per incident** | **Extent of cover: in aggregate** | **Expiry date** |
| Professional indemnity |  |  |  |  |
| Public liability |  |  |  |  |
| Workers’ compensation |  |  |  |  |

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| **Purpose / Role of Group:** *Include a brief commentary about the producer group, detailing the number of producers involved (core and wider interest groups), their areas of interest, whether they formed specifically for this project or were already established. Additionally include the previous experience and capacity of the group and supporting delivery partners to undertake a PDS (max 300 words).* |
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| **The Challenge / Problem / Opportunity.** *Specify as objectively as possible:** *What is the problem/opportunity?*
* *Quantify its impact on producers and the industry*
* *How many producers does it impact in your region*
* *How is it being addressed now, if at all*
* *Provide an estimate of number of producers already adopting the proposed practices*
* *Outline what benefits the project will deliver to producers, their businesses and the industry in the longer term.*
* *Have you received RAC support for the proposed project prior to submission*
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| **Aim** *One short sentence, refer to Guidelines - For example: Demonstrate that dual-purpose canola increase pre-joining liveweight gains, conditions scores, and reproductive rate (measured by pregnancy scanning) of ewes relative to current forage options and can be harvested in its second year to produce a seed/oil crop.* |
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| **Objectives of project** *Ensure the objectives are SMART - Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Time-based.* *For Example: By December 2017, in the Mallee region of Victoria, the project will establish 3 demonstration sites engaging 10 core producers and a minimum of 50 observer producers to:*1. *Demonstrate and assess the potential of two varieties of dual purpose canola to increase:*
	1. *Pre-joining liveweight gains of merino ewes from Xg/d to Yg/d*
	2. *The condition score of ewes at lambing to CS 3 (from CS2)*
	3. *The reproductive rate (measured by pregnancy scanning) of ewes relative to current forage options and demonstrate the crop can be harvested to produce a viable seed / oil crop.*
2. *Conduct a cost benefit analysis to determine the relative economic performance of the canola varieties on reproductive performance compared to existing forage types*
3. *Implement a series of communication and training development activities to increase the knowledge skills and confidence of 100% of core and observer producers in dual purpose crops and ewe management*
4. *80% of core producers will have adopted dual purpose crops and 50% of observers intend to.*
5. *Conduct an annual field day and other activities to showcase the demonstration site results and encourage adoption of key practices by 150 attending producers.*
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| **Proposed method** (a brief description of your methodology): |
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| **Communication & extension strategies** * *How will you achieve knowledge and skill development & adoption of the results with the core producer group?*
* *How will you increase awareness of the demonstrated practices and promote the outcomes to the observer group and wider producer community?*
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| **Monitoring, evaluation and reporting (MER)** * *How will you measure success at the demonstration sites e.g. economic, social & environmental benefits? Please identify clearly the practices being demonstrated and the metrics being measured?*
* *How will you measure producer change (knowledge, skills and adoption)?*
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| **Budget:** *Please provide the complete estimated budget for the project in the tables below.* |
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| **BUDGET ITEM\*** | **TOTAL ($)** |
| Fees/Salaries\* (MLA requests funds) |  |
| Operating\* e.g. field days costs, |  |
| Travel\* |  |
| **TOTAL MLA cash requested:** |  |
| In-kind – from supporting organisations |  |
| In- kind - for producer time and resources |  |
| **PROJECT TOTAL:** |  |

\*Please provide funds requested from MLA only. |
| **Please insert any budget comments:** |

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