

## Expression of Interest

### Independent Chair

**Proposal due:** COB 28 August 2025

**Submit to:** nbaker@livecorp.com.au

## The Livestock Export Program (LEP)

The Australian Livestock Export Corporation (LiveCorp) is the rural Research and Development Corporation for the livestock export industry in Australia. LiveCorp's mandate is to provide research, development, extension (RD&E) and marketing services that maximise the productivity, sustainability and competitiveness of Australia's livestock export industry. Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA) is a research development corporation representing Australia's livestock producers.

### About the Committees

LERDAC provides independent, strategic input to shape the RD&E Program's direction, ensuring investments respond to industry priorities and emerging challenges.

The Management Committee is the decision-making body for the Program, overseeing project investment, delivery, and performance. It is accountable for ensuring the Program remains outcomes-focused and aligned with stakeholder expectations.

### Role of the Independent Chair

The Independent Chair leads both committees, facilitating meetings, supporting good governance, and encouraging collaborative, and robust, discussion. The Chair plays a key role in aligning strategic advice with decision-making, enabling clear direction and effective delivery of the RD&E Program.

### Key responsibilities include

- Upholding governance principles as outlined in the LEP RD&E Governance Manual and Guidance Document
- Guiding both committees to support alignment between investment priorities, project delivery, and industry benefit
- Collaborating with the RD&E Program Manager on meeting planning, strategic direction, and oversight of program performance
- Supporting continuous improvement, including lessons learned and review of outcomes for major projects
- Where appropriate, supporting the use of structured problem-identification processes (e.g. Investment Logic Mapping) for complex investment decisions
- Providing updates to the LiveCorp CEO and MLA Group Manager – Productivity and Animal Wellbeing at least twice per year, as well as occasional briefings to boards, partner organisations, or industry meetings (approximately 2–3 times annually)

## Desired Attributes

We are seeking a Chair who:

- Has experience leading governance or advisory committees, ideally within RD&E or related industry contexts
- Possesses some knowledge – ideally a strong understanding – of the red meat live export supply chain or an associated industry
- Brings impartiality, credibility, and independence from political, activist, or commercial interests
- Demonstrates strong stakeholder engagement skills and can foster constructive, strategic dialogue
- Understands RD&E investment and evaluation processes, and the importance of adoption and impact
- Is not involved in any LEP-funded research projects during the term of appointment

## Commitment

The appointment is for a three-year term, with approximately 2 LERDAC meetings and 6–8 Management Committee meetings per year, conducted online or in person. Meeting preparation and coordination will be supported by the LEP RD&E Program Manager. Fees and travel costs will be covered in line with LiveCorp policy.

The total time commitment is expected to be 20–30 days per year, including preparation and meetings. Some travel may be required.

## How to Respond

If you are interested in the role, please provide a brief Expression of Interest (maximum two pages) outlining:

- Your relevant experience and qualifications
- Your interest in the role and capacity to act independently
- Any potential or perceived conflicts of interest
- Expected remuneration (per day)
- Referees may be requested during the recruitment process.

## Further information

If you have questions regarding this Expression of Interest, contact:

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