



# 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