



SALRC REGIONAL COMMITTEE CHAIRS

BACKGROUND, ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES



Why Become a SALRC Regional Committee Member?

As a SALRC Regional Chair, you will help shape the future direction of livestock research, development and extension and adoption (RDE&A) across southern Australia.

This is a unique opportunity to ensure producer-led priorities directly influence red meat industry investment, connect with leading researchers, extension professionals and industry organisations, and contribute to initiatives that deliver practical, on-farm value.

Regional Chairs provide leadership within their regions – representing producers, identifying emerging challenges and opportunities, and translating local priorities into meaningful industry action.

What You'll Influence

Regional Chairs contribute to:

- setting priorities for future livestock RDE&A investments based on red meat industry challenges and opportunities
- providing producer input into MLA terms of reference, project proposals and initiatives
- strengthening connections between producers, researchers and industry partners
- ensuring research outputs translate into practical on-farm outcomes

Benefits of the Role

Regional Chairs have the opportunity to:

- build strong relationships with leading producers, researchers and industry organisations
- gain early insight into emerging technologies and red meat industry trends
- develop leadership, facilitation and governance skills
- influence research and adoption priorities across southern Australia
- make a meaningful contribution to the future of the southern livestock industries



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ABOUT SALRC

SALRC's Primary Function

The Southern Australia Livestock Research Council (SALRC) is an independent Incorporated Association and one of three national research advisory councils supporting Australia's red meat industry.

SALRC provides advice and recommendations on research and development (R&D) and extension and adoption (E&A) initiatives and investments for the grass-fed beef and sheepmeat industries across south-eastern Australia. Equivalent advisory roles are performed by the North Australia Beef Research Council (NABRC) and Western Australia Livestock Research Council (WALRC).

Operating Structure

SALRC comprises seven Regional Committees aligned to the major grassfed beef and sheep production zones in south-eastern Australia:

- Northern New South Wales
- Southern New South Wales
- Central and Western NSW and Queensland Sheep
- Central Victoria
- Western Victoria
- South east Victoria and Tasmania
- South Australia.

Each SALRC Regional Committee comprises the Regional Chair (a producer), up to six producers of grass-fed beef and/or sheepmeat from a range of agro-climatic zones within the region. SALRC's investor members (Meat and Livestock Australia (MLA), state departments, CSIRO and universities) join the committee as stakeholder representatives.

SALRC is supported by an independent Chair, Executive Officer and a Governance Committee.



Relationship with Meat and Livestock Australia (MLA)

SALRC plays a key role in MLA's Producer Consultation Process, contributing to decisions on RDE&A investments and Producer Demonstration Site (PDS) projects funded by red meat producer levies.

SALRC's Regional Committee members provide practical, commercially input into:

- regional context driving RDE&A priorities
- terms of reference
- project proposals
- extension and adoption activities.

This ensures that levy-funded investments are aligned with producer needs and deliver practical outcomes.



REGIONAL CHAIR ROLE

Role of SALRC's Regional Chairs

Regional Chairs hold an important leadership role within their region. This includes maintaining a deep understanding of local production systems and the RDE&A challenges and opportunities facing producers in their region.

Regional Chairs act as a key link between SALRC and their region by:

- communicating regional issues to SALRC
- keeping their regional committee members informed of SALRC and broader livestock industry developments
- collaborating with other Regional Chairs to identify cross-regional opportunities.

Expected Commitment



The role typically involves:

- two Regional Committee meetings per year (in person or online)
- preparation and review of meeting materials
- occasional out-of-session input or feedback
- approximately four days per year.

Key Responsibilities



Regional Chairs are expected to:

- attend SALRC Council meetings (up to two per year)
- Chair Regional Committee meetings, including
 - setting agendas
 - facilitating discussions
 - building engagement and consensus
- develop an annual Regional Committee action plan in conjunction with the SALRC Executive Officer and Regional Committee members
- manage meeting follow-up, action items and correspondence
- maintain momentum in the regional committee's out-of-session activities

Support and Remuneration



- Sitting fees are provided
- Approved travel and accommodation expenses are reimbursed
- Secretariat support is provided by SALRC.

Key Accountabilities



Regional Chairs also:

- nominate producer members from their Regional Committee for MLA project review processes and provide input in project proposals
- build and maintain strong relationships with regional stakeholders
- identify opportunities to strengthen SALRC's effectiveness and profile
- lead the development of regional initiatives to improve RDE&A delivery
- collaborate with committee members and stakeholders across the region
- contribute to discussions on RDE&A program development and implementation
- provide informed, apolitical leadership and advocacy on RDE&A priorities



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REGIONAL CHAIR ROLE

KEY SELECTION CRITERIA

Professional Attributes



- Strong understanding of the red meat industry, RDE&A systems and regional sheepmeat and grass-fed beef production issues
- Understanding and confidence in governance, meeting protocols, public communication and media engagement
- Experience in managing regional industry relationships
- Demonstrated ability to communicate program outcomes to stakeholders
- Interest in RDE&A program design and development
- Experience working with industry organisations and networks.

Personal Attributes



- Passion for agricultural innovation and continuous improvement
- Strong interpersonal and relationship-building skills
- Proven leadership capability, with the ability to motivate and develop others
- Ability to lead regionally while contributing at a national level.

Expressions of Interest

SALRC welcomes applications from producers and industry leaders committed to strengthening the future of the southern livestock sector.

For more information, contact the SALRC Executive Officer Angela Inkester:

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"I love chairing SALRC because it's one of the few places where researchers, MLA and producers can sit around the same table and ask, "Is this actually working? The magic happens when we challenge each other and get the science and the producers meeting in the paddock."



Jen Smith
SALRC Regional Chair



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