

TasFarmers (TF) Board- Red Meat Panel Communique

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1) Welcome & Introduction

- The panel welcomed TF new CEO, Nathan Calman before proceeding with the meeting agenda.

2) Chair Nominations and Voting

- The members were asked if they would like to nominate to be Chair of the Red Meat Panel, with George Shea renominating himself, there were no others. All members were in support of George continuing as chair.
- A deputy chair was elected with Ella Anderson nominated by George Shea. She accepted the role with the support of all members.

3) Reports

- Members reported their respective issues with the current animal welfare situation dominating the space over the last few months.
- King Island's scrub complex was raised, along with the dry season they are experiencing with potential solutions and consequences reviewed.
- Flinders Island report reflected that of King Island, with further emphasis on the scarcity of water on the island. The current vet situation is an issue with money set aside for a clinic to be developed, but not being followed up on.
- Cattle Australia has a new organisational structure, with the call for TF members to join.
- Tasmanian Women in Ag have several events on the horizon that TF will look to promote.

4) Livestock Processing Taskforce Update

- The current issues being deliberated on the task force were brought to the attention of the panellists, along with the current guidelines being developed regarding Video Monitoring Systems.
- New animal welfare guidelines that were admitted last year were discussed, with concern over the lack of government consultation before implementing them.

5) AWAC Representation

- A call to review AWAC's last meeting minutes was decided after a discussion of how the new animal welfare guidelines passed through unnoticed last year.
- Discussion over more representation on the committee was held with the panellist's support of potentially having a new member join.

6) EIDs for Sheep and Goats

- The funding model was discussed, with \$11.6 million being awarded to the Tasmanian Industry.
- Disappointment over the model, with TF previously calling for a percentage of tags to be subsidised, not the \$1 per tag outcome received.

7) Other business

- TF restructuring was discussed, with panellists happy to adopt the system of respective 'Panels' and an overarching Livestock Council.
- The Biosecurity Protection Levy was noted to still be disappointing, even with the change from a 10% additional levy to the Gross Value of Production model they will be using.
- Aurora and their billing system were discussed, alerting members to double-check they are not being overcharged due to 'substituted data' when their remote readers fail.