



Live Export Program Research Development & Extension Blueprint

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BACKGROUND

- LEP RD&E Program is undertaking several initiatives to improve how it:
 - engages with the industry
 - selects R&D projects to fund
 - realises the benefits from R&D.
- Goal is to ensure RD&E outcomes are relevant to industry and are adopted within the livestock export supply chain.

PURPOSE OF THE BLUEPRINT

- Guide decision making to ensure RD&E funds are aligned with the strategic goals of the live stock export and broader red meat industry.
- Highlight goals and priority areas of the industry.
- Visibility for industry on the what the Program is seeking to fund.
- Clarity on how to bring ideas to the RD&E Program and the Program's decision-making process.

APPROACH



Consultations with exporters and producers as primary levy payers to the Program.

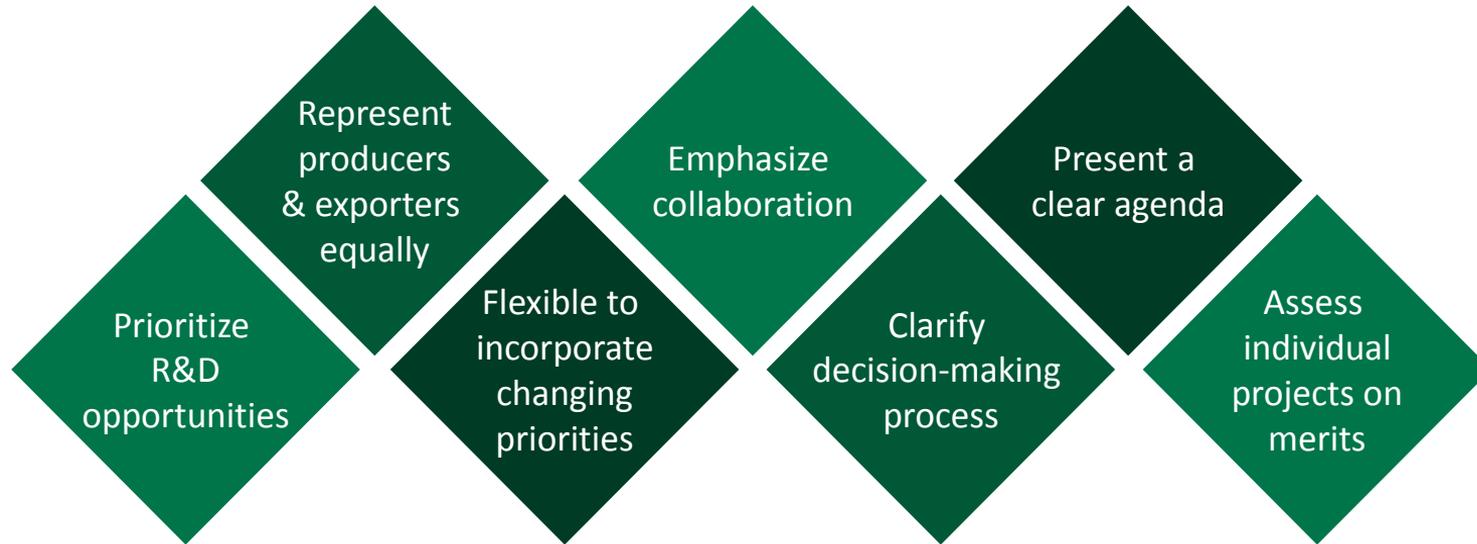


Input from the Department of Agriculture and other stakeholders, including potential R&D partners.



Assessed and prioritised inputs from consultations for alignment with LiveCorp and MLA's strategic goals.

PRINCIPLES DEFINING THE BLUEPRINT



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ABOUT THE LEP RD&E PROGRAM

- Funded by LiveCorp (25%), MLA (25%) and the Australian Government (50%) – administered and managed by MLA.
- Three key outcomes:
 - Continuous improvement in animal health and welfare across supply chain.
 - Improve supply chain efficiencies and regulatory performance.
 - Enhance market access and conditions for both existing and new markets.
- The program provides:
 - Research outputs to establish knowledge and inform standards and regulation.
 - Practical and valuable outputs for the supply chain.

LERDAC

- Strategic advisory committee that represents the industry and considers community expectations.
- Members nominated by peak industry councils.
- Responsible for ensuring that the Blueprint is relevant and provides guidance to the Management Committee on how the program addresses the priorities in the Blueprint.

LEP RD&E MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- The decision-making body representing LiveCorp and MLA, the organisations accountable for program expenditure.
- Manages the research investment process and review and evaluation of funded projects.
- Supports development of projects for funding that meet program priorities.

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BLUEPRINT RESEARCH GOALS

1. Greater transparency and oversight of animal health and welfare in the supply chain.
2. Understanding and addressing animal health and welfare risks in the supply chain.
3. Improving the uptake, adoption and commercialisation of better animal health and welfare practices and tools.
4. Improving supply chain efficiency and regulatory performance.
5. Supporting better market access conditions for Australian producers and exporters.

WHAT NEXT?

- Finalise the priorities for the Blueprint and establish KPIs.
- Review previous and current projects against the five goals to identify gaps.
- Invite industry stakeholders to submit projects proposals.
- Encourage new and existing researchers and service providers to apply for funding to address Blueprint priorities.