

**2020 MLA Resource Flock: Satellite flocks for eating quality and carcass traits**  
**GUIDELINES for completing the Expressions of Interest Template**

**Application Process**

Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA) are seeking breeders to collaborate and co-invest with the MLA Resource Flock project and contribute to the industry's reference population by collecting additional measures of carcass and eating quality traits from industry animals as a satellite flock to the MLA Resource Flock. This process is open for submissions until 6pm AEDT on Wednesday 11 November 2020.

Full applications on the Expressions of Interest Template are to be submitted to [livestockgenetics@mla.com.au](mailto:livestockgenetics@mla.com.au) by this date and will be reviewed by the MLA Resource Flock team.

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**Proposal template**

The MLA Resource Flock Satellite Flock call is seeking full proposals, please use the headings in the full proposal template and comply with the guidelines below. Proposals that do not follow and comply with the guidelines will not be assessed, including word limits and adequate information.

DO NOT submit these guidelines. ONLY submit the completed Full Proposal form.

The completed Full Proposal must be submitted electronically by 6.00pm AEDT (NSW and VIC time) on Wednesday 11 November 2020 to: [livestockgenetics@mla.com.au](mailto:livestockgenetics@mla.com.au)

## GUIDELINES

The following notes in conjunction with *italicised instructions* in the Expressions of Interest template are designed to assist completion of the full proposal template. Applicants of Full Proposals that do not follow and comply with the guidelines will be notified that proposals will not be assessed.

Carefully read and adhere to these GUIDELINES for preparing Expressions of Interest. Please also refer the Terms of Reference Document. All fields in the template must be completed. Please direct any queries around completing the proposal template to [livestockgenetics@mla.com.au](mailto:livestockgenetics@mla.com.au) or Peta Bradley [pbradley@mla.com.au](mailto:pbradley@mla.com.au)

### **Primary Contact**

The primary contact is the person that correspondence regarding the expressions of interest will be sent to. If the primary contact does not have animals involved in the project please leave the breed and flock code section blank.

### **Additional Flock/Parties Involved**

If animals are coming from flocks other than that of the primary contact please provide the details of the additional flocks/parties here. If required this table can be duplicated if more than one additional flock is involved.

### **Project Timeframe**

Indicate here the estimated time of joining and proposed slaughter time for the animals in the project

### **Project Overview**

Provide detail here addressing each of the section.

Please provide accurate estimates on the number of animals and intended progeny per sire.

### **Structure of Project**

Select how the animals for the project will be sourced indicating if they are from a Structured Progeny test, surplus animals or another source.

Definitions:

- Structured Progeny Test – where by dams are joined to sires for the specific purpose of generating progeny for testing. Animals are not selected based on performance, rather all or a random sample are involved in the trial
- Surplus animals – animals are selected based on phenotypic or genetic performance. Animal selection is not random

### **Sire Representation**

Provide the 16 digit ID of the proposed sires that will have progeny in the satellite flock (e.g. 1656782019191234). Additional comments about where else the sire has been used may be included.

If sire representation is not known exactly please provide information regarding the industry sires that are expected to be selected.

### **On-farm Trait Recording**

Use the check box to indicate which onfarm traits recording that are intended to be recorded on the animals involved in the satellite flock.

If there are additional traits not included in the list please select other and provide details

### **Slaughter Location**

Provide the location of where you would like your trial lambs to be processed. Also indicate if animals have been consigned previously there from the Property Identification Code (PIC) where the project lambs will be coming from. If certification is held e.g. *JBS Farm Assured* please provide this detail in the additional comments.

Please note it is expected that the participants will cover the cost of the transport to the processor.

You are not guaranteed to be able to consign your lambs to the processors you have listed.

### **Project calendar of events**

Outline the key events throughout the lifetime of the project animals. Please include expected times of measurement and other on-farm activities.

### **Previous involvement in research**

Detail previous involvement in research trials and how that experience translates to managing a satellite flock project.

### **Other comments for consideration**

Provide comments that are worth noting for the consideration of your expressions of interest.

### **Risk Identification and Mitigation**

Risk assessments are important to effectively manage issues and risks that may threaten the delivery of the project's anticipated benefits. MLA seeks to identify risk management processes pertaining to each project so that the likelihood of achieving outcomes is increased. Risk management processes may also establish a reliable basis for planning and decision making.

Identifying key risks require an understanding of the root cause of the risk and what the impact / consequence of the risk occurring may be. As such, mitigating activities should be formulated to control / manage these risks to an acceptable level and added into the risk assessment.

Expressions of interest proposals should identify a range of risks that may derail the delivery of the outcomes. For example, risks may be considered in a number of areas such as:

- Budget
- Impact of unforeseen circumstances e.g. COVID
- Social – including buy-in from other producers
- Seasonal
- Impact of environment
- On-farm risks

Tip: Considerations for risks should not be limited to those listed above. They should be based on your expertise on the subject matter.

### **Certification**

Please ensure this section is complete and signed.

### **Appendices**

All Appendices are limited to **one page** each and are possible for the aspects of the expressions of interest. It is encouraged to keep proposals as short and precise as possible, if additional information is required for Background or Methodology

1. Risk Assessment (Required)
2. Background and/or Methodology (Optional)

Guidelines