



20 May 2024

Dear Member

On 27 May 2024, you will receive an email from independent polling agency 'TrueVote' enabling you to vote on a new Livestock SA constitution.

Your vote is important.

Livestock SA Directors, your elected representatives, unanimously recommend that you **vote in favour** of the new constitution.

New constitution quick facts:

- It has been developed over the past 12 months based on the advice of a leading SA legal firm.
- It will change Livestock SA's corporate structure from an Incorporated Association to a Company Limited by Guarantee. This increases the governance and legal compliance standards for the organisation and its board.
- It will not affect the work Livestock SA does, but it will ensure the organisation is properly governed, more transparent and more accountable to members and other stakeholders.
- It incorporates member feedback received during a three-month consultation process that included 4 in person meetings around the state and 2 online meetings.
- It changes the size of the board to a minimum of 7 and a maximum of 9 directors including the chair.
- The board composition must always have a minimum of 3 elected sheep producers and 3 elected cattle producers who can appoint up to 3 skill-based directors if/as needed.
- The directors will operate on a three-year term for a maximum of 3 consecutive terms.
- The current board members will hold office until the end of the 2024 AGM in November.
- It **does not** have any impact on the current review of the organisation's committee structures. The organisational alignment and efficiencies sought through this process is separate to adopting a new constitution.
- Adopting a new constitution **does not** change how the Industry Funds are collected and spent – this authority and approval remains with the Minister for Primary Industries as it always has.

A timeline outlining the key dates and activities associated with the organisation's reform process following an independent review from July to October 2021 is attached.

The new constitution and other useful information is available on the Livestock SA website: [HERE](#).