

> Producer priorities

Livestock SA advocates on behalf of South Australian livestock producers to all levels of government – local, state and federal.

The top 10 priorities identified by producers for Livestock SA include:

1. Fair and equitable drought support for South Australian pastoralists and graziers.
2. Reduce the cost of stock water for producers who access their supply through SA Water's infrastructure.
3. Develop South Australia's live export trade to support the state's economy, providing employment and industry growth.
4. Increase South Australian Government funding for PIRSA, SARDI and Biosecurity SA to further develop the livestock industry.
5. Review the Pastoral Board and its activities for more efficient livestock production in northern South Australia.
6. Increase investment in South Australia's transport network to allow for more efficient volume movements of livestock.
7. Balance agriculture with the environment and community, particularly on natural resource management, land access, mining, fracking and infrastructure use.
8. Maintain and recognise the value of the dog fence through a comprehensive wild dog control program.
9. Encourage the next generation of primary producers to establish agricultural businesses, such as through stamp duty reductions and long-term finance options.
10. Secure funding for Livestock SA by allocating a portion of sheep, cattle and goat industry funds on an ongoing basis.

> Member benefits

Details on these offers and more are available at www.livestocksa.org.au

Industrial relations

Mediation and Employment Relations Services (MERS) offers members the first 30 minutes free, followed by a discounted rate for advice, such as on employment contracts and termination, the Pastoral Award, WorkCoverSA, workplace discrimination or bullying and harassment.

> Contact MERS, 08 8331 2422, chas@mers.com.au and www.mers.com.au/farms/

Insurance services

WFI offers a range of policies and covers for most types of farm. WFI Rural Plan is an insurance package for you, your family and your farm which can be tailored to your circumstances.

> More information contact your local WFI Area Manager on 1300 934 934 or visit our website at wfi.com.au



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Livestock SA...
Your strong and independent voice for livestock producers

Our vision ...

A strong, viable, productive and profitable livestock sector in South Australia which is valued by the community and all levels of government.



Local issues, local advocacy

Livestock SA is the peak organisation representing beef cattle, sheep and goat producers in South Australia.

A voice for livestock producers

Livestock SA is YOUR voice on all livestock-related issues, working to inform government, businesses and the wider community on the contribution of livestock producers to the food and fibre industries.

Working with other commodities

Livestock SA is one of six autonomous commodity groups in South Australia which focus on the needs of their members. Livestock SA works with Primary Producers SA and the other commodity groups on issues which affect all farmers, such as transport and natural resource management.

National policy links

Livestock SA represents SA producers and their views on WoolProducers Australia, Sheepmeat Council of Australia, Cattle Council of Australia and Goat Industry Council of Australia.

Funded by SA producers

Advocacy and industry assistance through Livestock SA is funded by producer levies on sheep and cattle. The money is collected through the SA Sheep and Cattle Industry Funds under South Australian Government legislation.

Benefits for members

Members can contribute to the direction of policy at a state and national level by attending Livestock SA meetings held regularly around the state or by contacting their nearest board member or regional representative. Members are entitled to nominate and elect producers to the board. They are also able to access discounted electricity and legal and industrial relations services (see back page).

Keeping producers informed

Livestock SA communicates its advocacy activities directly to producers through a monthly newsletter and regular updates on its website as well as attendance at industry events around the state during the year.

> Your questions ...

How was the organisation formed?

Livestock SA started after the SA Farmers Federation folded in 2013. The move to commodity groups allows Livestock SA the independence to manage its operations and develop policy in the best interests of livestock producers, while not interfering with decisions or issues unique to other industries.

Can I be a Livestock SA member?

Yes! Livestock producers who pay industry levies to the SA Sheep and Cattle Industry Funds are eligible to be members and there is no additional cost. Producers can join on the Livestock SA website or a membership form can be requested by contacting the Livestock SA office.

I'm not a livestock producer so can I be a member?

Livestock SA has an associate membership category for farm managers, consultants, businesses and anyone interested in beef cattle, sheep and goat production. The rate is \$110 a year. Contact Livestock SA to join.

How can I be involved?

Producers are encouraged to contact board members or regional representatives to discuss the organisation or industry issues. Livestock SA receives input directly from producers through two regions – the Northern Region, covering the pastoral zone, and the Southern Region, covering the South East.

> Stay in touch with Livestock SA

1. Call a board member or regional representative
2. Visit the Livestock SA website for newsletters, events, policy and industry updates.
3. Find us on social media:

 @Livestock_SA

 www.facebook.com.au/LivestockSA