

Media Release

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LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE RECRUITMENT DRIVE NOW OPEN

The Allan Labor Government is calling for a wide range of industry professionals to apply for positions on Livestock Advisory Committees to improve animal health, strengthen the state's biosecurity and support business management.

Minister for Agriculture Ros Spence today announced applications are now open for two Livestock Advisory Committees – the honey bee and swine industries – while recruitment for the remaining committees will begin in early 2024.

Livestock Advisory Committee members oversee their respective Livestock Compensation Fund and help to deliver a wide range of projects that benefit their specific industries. The latest round of the Fund delivered a total of \$8.1 million across 21 projects.

Applicants will no longer need to be nominated by prescribed bodies – ensuring committees are more accessible and have a diverse membership.

Specific skills, expertise and industry experience will all be considered during the recruitment process.

Recruitment for the Sheep and Goat Compensation Advisory Committee and Cattle Compensation Advisory Committee will open in early 2024.

For more information visit agriculture.vic.gov.au/support-and-resources/funds-grants-programs/livestock-biosecurity-funds.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Agriculture Ros Spence

"We're excited to be recruiting new members for the Livestock Advisory Committees. We look forward to collaborating so that we can protect and enhance our valuable livestock industries together."

"We need your expertise and your innovative solutions to benefit our livestock industry – I would encourage anyone interested to apply."

Quotes attributable to Sheep & Goat Compensation Advisory Committee Chair Mick Craig

"The four Livestock Advisory Committees represent a shared responsibility between government and industry to boost Victoria's biosecurity and provide real benefits to industry."

"It's important these committees have a highly skilled membership, including producers, with knowledge and experience across the honeybee, cattle, sheep and goat, and swine industries."