

Proposed Representative Structure and Function for Cattle Levy-payers

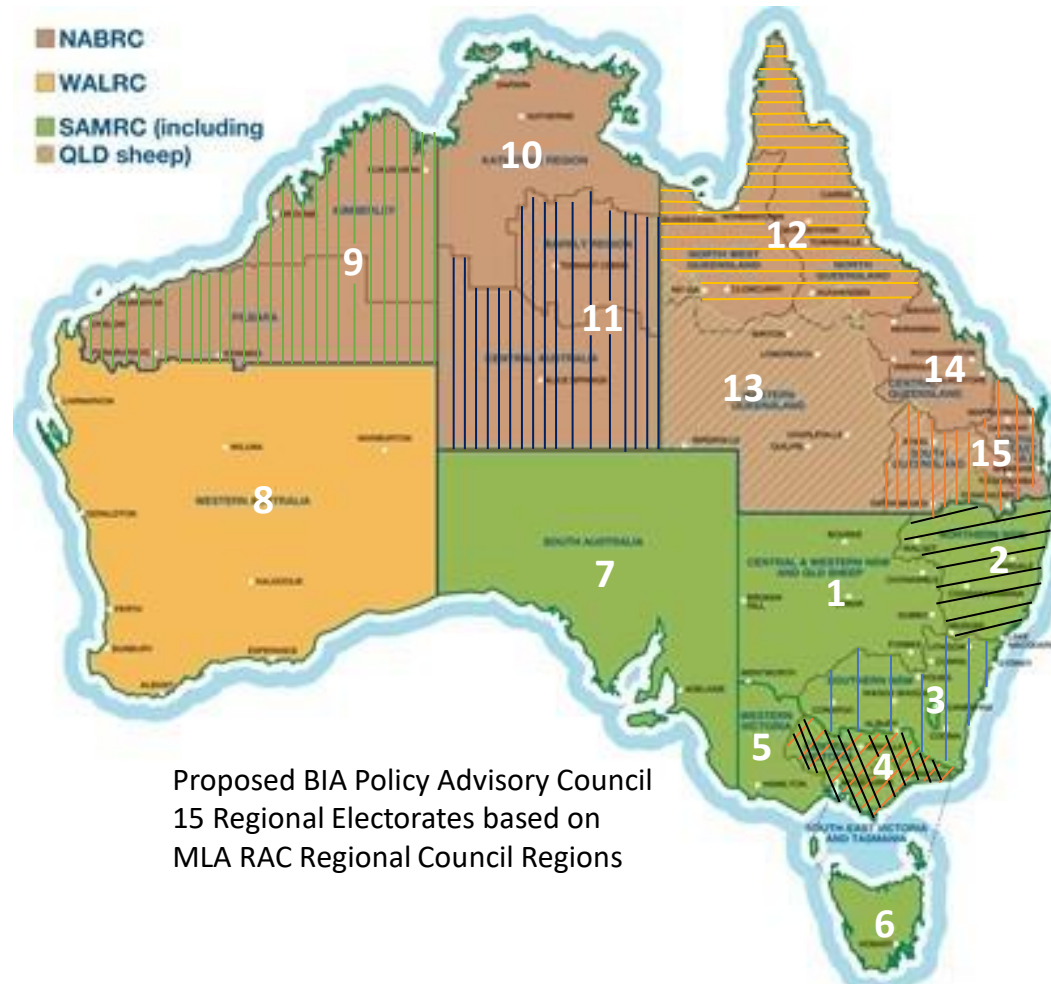
BIA Policy Advisory Council

A single empowered regional policy forum that considers the holistic and particular policy needs of the disparate cattle producing regions and provides policy advice and guidance to the BIA Board on behalf of all Australian grass-fed cattle producer levy payers.

The BIA Policy Advisory Council would initially have **23** members comprising **15** directly elected cattle levy paying producer Councillors and **8** cattle levy producer Councillors appointed by SFOs (i.e. one from each SFO).

The 15 directly elected cattle levy paying Policy Advisory Council producers would be elected from 15 RAC regional electorates in the first instance to ensure a truly national organisation. These Councillors would be elected through the levy payer 'Register A' concept (i.e. one levy payer - one vote).

The SFO right to appoint 8 Policy Advisory Councillors and the RAC/ABARES model for the 15 Policy Council electorates would be reviewed after two years to ensure the best national regional model.



Proposed BIA Policy Advisory Council
15 Regional Electorates based on
MLA RAC Regional Council Regions

BIA Board

To provide representational leadership for all levy-payer cattle producers. The BIA Board would be guided by the Policy Advisory Council and focus on organisational fiduciary performance and industry strategy. Any dispute between the Policy Council and the Board over industry policy would be determined by a plebiscite vote of all levy payers.

The BIA Board structure would be elected through a:

- Split Voting Register to provide equality for and engagement with both: # the fewer but larger businesses and corporates with big herds, and # the many cattle producers with smaller herds.

The 9 Director Board would constitute:

- 1 Director who receives the most votes in both A and B Registers
- 3 Directors who receive the next most votes in Register A after the election of the 1st Director
- 3 Directors who receive the next most votes after the election of the 1st Director from Register B
- 2 Special Qualification Directors appointed by the 7 elected Directors Board voting will be one seat one vote and the 7 elected levy-payer
- Directors appoint the Chair from within who would have a casting vote.

A Register: every levy payer – 1 vote per levy-payer member

B Register: based on the amount of levies paid by each levy-payer member

CattleCorp: A new grass-fed cattle levy collection corporation 'CattleCorp' is also to be established. The CattleCorp board to be a skills based board appointed by an independent selection committee. CattleCorp would enable the sector to collect its statutory levies as applies for the processing and live-export sectors. CattleCorp would allow grass-fed cattle producers to use a portion of their transaction levies to carry out specific R&D and policy research for their sector just as the processor and live exporter sectors of the red meat industry do now.