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## Call for Membership

The Goat Industry Council of Australia (GICA) currently has membership vacancies from the goat meat and dairy commodity sectors of the industry.

### About GICA

GICA is a designated Peak Industry Council (PIC) under federal legislation, representing the goat industry and its stakeholders.

GICA operates as a not-for-profit representative Council with representation drawn from its members; the State Farming Organisations (SFO's) and commodity representative groups. The Australian Meat Industry Council (AMIC) holds associate membership of GICA. This structure allows GICA to comprehensively represent the diverse range of goat commodities (meat, dairy, rangeland and fibre) across Australia. The Council represents the industry in policy, legislation and industry program development and influences levy investment on behalf of the sector.

GICA advocates on behalf of the industry with:

- State and federal governments
- Industry service providers including Meat and Livestock Australia (MLA), Animal Health Australia (AHA) and the National Residue Scheme (NRS)
- Other relevant industry organisations such as SAFEMEAT

Broad industry representation is imperative to ensure that issues affecting the industry are heard and addressed. Active engagement by members allows the Council to consider a diverse perspective when developing a position on goat issues, programs and policies.

GICA's vision and input from members formulates priorities to shape and drive the Australian goat industry as a world leader in innovative, sustainable and ethical goat production.

### Membership nomination process and requirements

GICA has vacancies for member organisations representing the goat meat and dairy sectors of the industry.

Outlined below are the requirements for nominating for GICA Membership.

Organisations that wish to nominate for membership and a member position on GICA must complete the [GICA Membership Nomination Form](#).

Organisations will need to provide the following information as part of their application.

1. Details of current membership and goats represented
2. Outline of a two-way communication strategy to bring issues to GICA and communicate outcomes back to the Member organisation as well as the broader sector being represented

3. Details of the GICA Member Nominee (and an Alternate) including a copy of their resume outlining their industry expertise and any other relevant experience that they believe could represent their industry sector on the GICA Council. GICA Member nominees are expected to demonstrate knowledge, understanding and experience with:

- a. the red meat integrity system including National Livestock Identification System (NLIS), Livestock Production Assurance (LPA) program and National Vendor Declarations (NVD)
- b. Levy Revenue System
- c. the goat industry supply chain
- d. Board/Committee or other corporate governance experience and leadership
- e. other industry involvement or skills relevant to GICA

4. Agree to pay the Annual Membership Fee (currently \$2300 per year)

GICA Member (and Alternate) nominees must:

- be financial members of your organisation's Goat (or other relevant) Committee
- be eligible to accept a position of Councillor of GICA
- outline any perceived or material Conflict of Interest/s that currently exists
- if appointed, participate in the GICA Councillor Induction process including agreeing to comply with GICA Council policies and procedures.

**Timeframe for Membership Call:**

- Nominations open: July 2023
- Nominations close: 31 August 2023
- GICA appoints new member/s by 30 September 2023
- New member/s have observer status in October 2023
- Full membership confirmed at the GICA AGM in November 2023

For further information please contact GICA President John Falkenhagen at [president@gica.com.au](mailto:president@gica.com.au) or 0408 349 125.

Nominations to be received by **31 August 2023**

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