

POSITION DESCRIPTION

- Job Title:** Policy Advisor, Intensive Animal Industries
Industries: Not-for-profit, Agriculture
Location: Brisbane
Work type: Full-time, or part-time by negotiation.
Fixed term for 12 months with possible extension.
Reports to: CEO
Salary: Dependent on experience

About QFF

The Queensland Farmers' Federation (QFF) is the united voice of intensive and irrigated agriculture in Queensland. It is a federation that represents the interests of 20 peak state and national agriculture industry organisations and engages in a broad range of economic, social, environmental and regional issues of strategic importance to the productivity, sustainability and growth of the agricultural sector. QFF's mission is to secure a strong and sustainable future for Queensland farmers by representing the common interests of our member organisations:

- CANEGROWERS
- Cotton Australia
- Growcom
- Nursery & Garden Industry Queensland (NGIQ)
- Queensland Dairyfarmers' Organisation (QDO)
- Australian Cane Farmers Association (ACFA)
- Queensland United Egg Producers (QUEP)
- Turf Queensland
- Queensland Chicken Meat Council (QCMC)
- Bundaberg Regional Irrigators Group (BRIG)
- Burdekin River Irrigation Area Irrigators Ltd (BRIA)
- Central Downs Irrigators Ltd (CDIL)
- Fairbairn Irrigation Network Ltd
- Mallowa Irrigation Ltd
- Pioneer Valley Water Cooperative Ltd (PV Water)
- Theodore Water Pty Ltd
- Eton Irrigation Scheme Ltd
- Pork Queensland Inc
- Tropical Carbon Farming Innovation Hub
- Lockyer Water Users Forum (LWUF).

Duty Statement

Primary Purpose of Position

The position is responsible for the development of high-quality policy advice and options to the QFF membership on a wide range of strategic issues affecting the intensive livestock industries in Queensland.

These issues include but are not limited to policy development and implementation for:

- biosecurity and animal welfare
- food safety and issues management
- production and sustainable land management
- commercial, transport and infrastructure issues
- planning and regulation of livestock facilities
- 'right to farm' challenges and opportunities as they arise

The Policy Advisor will also be responsible for convening and providing secretariat to an Intensive Animal Policy Committee, as well as providing feedback from that committee to other QFF committees (Water and Energy Policy Committee and the NRM Policy Committee).

Reporting relationship

This position reports to the Chief Executive Officer.

Roles/responsibilities

- To focus on identification and analysis of current and future trends affecting the intensive animal industries represented by QFF and develop options for addressing these issues.
- Establish contacts within government, industry and the community.
- Respond to individual QFF members' inquiries and any matters arising.
- Provide alignment of activities with the various animal organisations represented by QFF via regular meetings with the CEO/Presidents of each. This may include attending meetings with Boards and other industry stakeholders as required.
- To identify and participate in relevant industry research.
- Develop industry-led policy and guidance as required.
- Understand the key impact areas for each of the animal industries.
- Provide regular reports on activities to each animal industry group represented by QFF.
- Other responsibilities as directed by the CEO.

Skills and Abilities

Essential

- Applicants must have high level written and oral communication skills to support engaging on industry issues with government and regulatory bodies
- Skill in the facilitation of group processes
- Political and analytical skills
- Ability to work without direct supervision

Desirable

- Liaison - Livestock Industry (LLI) training, or experience, as biosecurity is a key focus for industry.
- Knowledge of the rural industry, particularly in the animal sectors (particularly pigs, eggs and chickens) would be highly regarded.

Special requirements

- Occasional long/irregular hours
- Intrastate and interstate travel may be required