

18 September 2019

Dear Member,

**RE: Extraordinary General Meeting Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

Sheep Producers Australia (SPA) is committed to contemporary governance practice. Despite legal advice to the contrary to amend sections of the SPA Constitution endorsed by members in 2017, the Board acknowledged the feedback from members at its 2018 AGM and instigated the Board Selection Review Project.

The work carried out by the Board Selection Review Project Team (Project Team) is an important piece of work that informs SPA's long- term sustainability to ensure the organisation continues to deliver outcomes in the best interests of members and the industry as a whole.

The Board offers it's thanks to the team for the work carried out in preparing the Board Selection Review Final Report (Final Report). The commitment and contribution by the SFO members are acknowledged and valued.

In reviewing SPA's Constitution so soon after its promulgation, the Board recognises the challenges faced by the Project Team to both streamline and maintain equity in the Board selection process while ensuring SPA's leadership in contemporary governance is retained in order to achieve the vision created by the former members of Sheep Meat Council.

The final report contains a comprehensive set of recommendations, two requiring changes to the Constitution and a number that are non-constitutional in nature and require changes to the Committee's Terms of Reference. The project team also requested an Extraordinary General Meeting to change the Constitution, to enable the new process be in place for the upcoming SPA Board elections.

The SPA Board has responded to the request and has agreed to call an EGM to consider changes to sections 8.11 and 8.16 C (ii) in the constitution, as described in the attached documents.

SPA will redraft the Committee's Terms of Reference.

Yours sincerely,



Chris Mirams  
Chair