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***ADF Calls for Nominations for Australian Milk Quality Steering Group***

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Australian Dairy Farmers is calling for dairy farmer nominations to the Australian Milk Quality Steering Group\* (AMQSG).

The Australian dairy industry is known for the high quality of its products and the AMQSG plays an important role in ensuring the quality of the most important product for the industry, its milk.

A key focus of the AMQSG is mastitis control, which has led to significant improvements in milk quality and animal health and welfare outcomes since its inception.

Another focus of the AMQSG is on effective cleaning of milking machines and milk cooling/storage equipment which has led to more efficient industry practices and considerable cost savings.

The AMQSG also plays an important role in ensuring stakeholders and other interested parties are kept informed of developments and coordinating industry Research, Development and Extension (RD&E) activities.

The AMQSG incorporates a broad cross-section of committed and enthusiastic milk quality experts from across the dairy industry.

There is a vacancy for one dairy farmer member of the AMQSG. The AMQSG holds face to face meetings two or three times a year.

A selection committee comprising representatives from ADF, Dairy Australia and Dairy Food Safety Victoria will review applications.

Interested applicants should forward their resumes with a brief covering letter or email to ADF by Monday the 21st of October.

ADF President Noel Campbell thanked the outgoing Chair of the AMQSG, Lisa Dwyer, a dairy farmer from South-West Victoria.

"Lisa's work on the AMQSG will be missed. She has made a significant contribution in improving milk quality through her work as Chair of the AMQSG," Mr Campbell said.

"I am pleased that Lisa will continue to provide valuable service to the industry through the WestVic Dairy Board as the Chair and as a Board member of LiveCorp."

\*The AMQSG is a community of interest under the Dairy Moving Forward (DMF) initiative. DMF is the dairy industry's framework for strengthening national research capability and encouraging greater collaboration and coordination of RD&E investment nationally.

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