



Australian Dairy Industry Council Inc.

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Sustainability in Australian dairy industry continues to be recognised

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On 29 June, Unilever, one of the world's largest companies, announced its certification of the sustainability credentials of Australia's milk production for another 12 months.

Australian Dairy Industry Council's Interim Chair, Terry Richardson, said endorsement from a company like Unilever is a great achievement and reflects the focus that Australian dairy farmers have for sustainable farming practices.

"The Australian dairy industry is committed to the implementation of actions to support ongoing targets and measures as part of the Australia Dairy Industry Sustainability Framework," said Mr Richardson

"We want to ensure that the Australian dairy industry is recognised as sustainable in the eyes of customers around the world so that our farmers and processors can be assured that the industry has a long-lasting future."

In 2013 the Australian dairy industry was the first in the world to be recognised as meeting Unilever's Sustainable Agriculture Code (SAC) as a 100 per cent sustainable supplier of milk.

The company's SAC measures 11 key indicators including soil health and fertility, soil loss, nutrients, pest management, biodiversity, energy, water, social and human capital, local economy and animal welfare. Unilever aims to source 100 per cent of their agricultural raw materials sustainably by 2020.

The Unilever certification was underpinned by the dairy industry's Sustainability Framework and reporting progress against similar targets.

Dairy Australia Managing Director, Ian Halliday, said Dairy Australia supported Australian processors in securing the Unilever certification for the entire industry's milk supply for another year.

"The benefits of industry collaboration were crucial in gaining the Unilever endorsement and illustrated the value of industry groups working together to achieve a common goal," said Mr Halliday.

For more information on Unilever's Sustainability program click [HERE](#)

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The Australian Dairy Industry Council (ADIC) is the dairy industry's peak policy body. It co-ordinates industry's policy and represents all sectors of the industry on national and international issues through its two constituent bodies, Australian Dairy Farmers Ltd (ADF) and the Australian Dairy Products Federation (ADPF). It aims to foster, promote and protect the interests of the Australian dairy industry by driving a whole of industry approach to dairy policy and the development of the dairy industry.