

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

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Asked By: Senator MACDONALD

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Senator IAN MACDONALD: Do you have details of who is the working group?

Ms Fleming: I would have to take that on notice.....

Senator IAN MACDONALD: Does it include other organisations like AgForce Queensland and perhaps cattle and landowner organisations, and Indigenous input?

Answer:

The membership of the Northern Australia Ministerial Forum Beef Working Group comprises: the Chair, the Deputy Director General of Agriculture and Food, Queensland, Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation; Deputy Chair, the Executive Director of Primary Industries from the Northern Territory Department of Resources; the Executive Director of Livestock Industries, Western Australian, Department of Agriculture and Food; the Director of the Office of Northern Australia, Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government; and the General Manager of Livestock Industries and Animal Welfare from the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Australian government portfolio lead).

The industry representative on the working group is the Chair of the Red Meat Advisory Council.

The working group will consult extensively with industry groups, operators, and Indigenous pastoralists when developing the Northern Australia Beef Strategy.

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The first industry roundtable, chaired by David Crombie, was convened on Monday 27 June and included representatives from: AgForce; the transport sector; Indigenous land owners and operators; live exporters; the processing sector; Industry bodies; the Australian Meat Workers' Union; and cattle producers from a range of companies and operations of different sizes.