



## RURAL LAND MANAGEMENT ADVISORY GROUP

### TERMS OF REFERENCE December 2018

**These Terms of Reference are to be read in conjunction with Council's Advisory Group Operation and Conduct Policy.**

#### BACKGROUND

The Rural Land Management Advisory Group (hereafter referred to as the "Advisory Group") was established by Council shortly after amalgamation to provide advice on rural land management matters and issues affecting primary producers generally.

#### ROLE

The role of the Advisory Group is to provide advice to the Executive Officer on:

- The achievement of objectives for the primary production component of the Strategic Plan;
- The development of policies and strategies for the retention of and optimum utilisation of rural land;
- Initiatives to ensure protection of the rural landscape qualities of the district;
- Communication strategies and information sharing between rural land users and Council; and
- Matters impacting on the primary production sector where Council has jurisdiction in the matter.

#### STRATEGIC LINKS

##### Strategic Plan

<i>Prosper - people and business prosper</i>	1.1	We will pursue World Heritage Listing for the Mt Lofty Ranges as a working agricultural landscape
<i>Prosper - people and business prosper</i>	1.2	We will work with governments and industry to achieve Pest Free Area status for the Adelaide Hills primary production area
<i>Prosper - people and business prosper</i>	1.8	We will amend the Development Plan to make farming in the Hills easier

## **FUNCTIONS**

The Rural Land Management Advisory Group provides advice to Executive Officer on:

- Land use
- Land use conflicts
- Biosecurity issues
- Water resources
- Demographic & social impacts
- The relationship between primary production and the environment
- Sustainable and viable primary industry
- Education and Public Relations
- Performance criteria – industry/community best practice
- Supporting infrastructure
- Best practices
- Trends affecting use of rural land and primary production
- Rural land management issues, eg fire
- Natural resources management
- Climate Change

## **MEMBERSHIP**

The Rural Land Management Advisory Group shall comprise up to three (3) Council Members.

The Advisory Group shall also include rural landholders who are involved in primary production activities in the district and who have expertise in one or more of the criteria listed below.

Membership of the Advisory Group shall be limited to a maximum of twelve (12) members (including Council Members).

The Advisory Group will be supported by such Technical Reference Groups or specific working parties as are required. A Technical Reference Group could include representatives of:

- Conservation Council
- Country Fire Service
- Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources
- Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure
- Forestry SA
- Native Vegetation Council
- Primary Producers SA
- SA Water

Where a representative of an agency or department or stakeholder group is able to designate a proxy, the details of that proxy shall be forwarded to the Council at the time of appointment of the substantive representative.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

Membership of the Advisory Group shall comprise representatives from the following areas of expertise or organisations:

- Viticulture
- Horticulture
- Horse Keeping
- Grazing/Broad acre
- Strawberry/Berry
- Primary Production Industry representative
- Natural Resources Adelaide & Mt Lofty Ranges (NRAML) Representative (staff representative)
- NRAML Representative (Board/Group representative)
- Dept. of Primary Industry and Regions SA (PIRSA)

Any independent members of the Advisory Group shall be rural landholders who are actively involved in primary production activities in the district and who have expertise in one or more of the areas outlined above.

It shall be a pre-requisite that community representatives live, work or have an active interest in the Council area.

Agency representatives will be nominated by the respective agency.