



## **Project Manager – Eating Quality and Supply Chain Integration**

- 2-year fixed term position
- Challenging and value adding role
- High profile organisation/industry
- Armidale, Brisbane

Meat & Livestock Australia Limited (MLA) is a producer owned company responsible for marketing and research activities for the Australian red meat industries. MLA adds value to this \$15 billion industry through the provision and delivery of innovative services and solutions.

We currently have an exciting opportunity for a Project Manager – Eating Quality and Supply Chain Integration who will be responsible for developing strong industry coordination and delivery for the eating quality and related R&D programs of MLA. The Project Manager will also deliver eating quality outcomes through the MSA program and provide linkage with programs that improve compliance to market specifications for both beef and sheep meat. Whilst reporting to the General Manager, you will be responsible for:

- Assist in the development of strategies and be responsible for implementation plans to increase outcomes from investments in R&D in the areas of eating quality and related programs.
- Responsible for project management of eating quality and key compliance R&D projects – ensuring that MSA protocols are followed and outcomes are delivered on time and within budget.
- Assist the Eating Quality Research and Development (R&D) Manager in the preparations of reports and papers for the Eating Quality R&D program for a range of industry stakeholders.
- Support the Eating Quality R&D Manager in the provision of secretariat services for the MSA pathways committee and the beef supply chain group.
- Provide strong direction in implementation of key programs including linkage and communication with key industry stakeholders and R&D providers.
- Provide support for integration of eating quality R&D into programs such as Meat Standards Australia, Livestock Data Link, Sheep Genetics and lamb and beef supply chain groups.
- Organise and implement schedules in projects in eating quality and compliance including providing back up and support to other Industry Systems functions.
- Liaise with key MLA staff as to relevant R, D and E outcomes that could provide the delivery of Industry Systems products and services.

The successful applicant will demonstrate:

**Qualifications**

- A bachelor degree or higher in agricultural science or equivalent.

**Skills/Knowledge:**

- Strong technical skills in R&D project design, selection, implementation and management.
- Knowledge of the key principles underpinning eating quality variation and Meat Standards Australia.
- Knowledge and critical relationships with key stakeholders in the Australian beef and sheep meat industry including supply chain activities.
- Knowledge of production aspects of beef and sheep production.
- Ability to relate to and interact with stakeholders in a professional manner.
- Excellent written, oral communication and presentation skills.
- Demonstrated ability for group coordination and facilitation.
- Sound computing skills including SAP, project management and standard Microsoft products.
- Ability to work in a team environment.

**Experience**

- Experience working within the Australian meat and livestock industry.
- Minimum of 3 years' experience.

A full description for this position will be available from Monday on the MLA careers page at [www.mla.com.au](http://www.mla.com.au).

For further information, please contact the Human Resources team on 02 9463 9200

Closing date: **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2013**