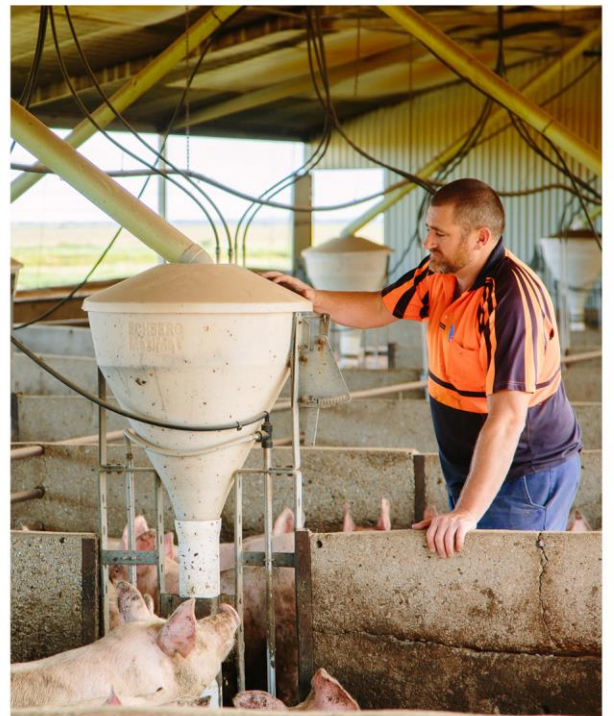


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**Development of an auditable checklist and objective verification guidance document for different pig abattoir standards.**

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## Request for proposal

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#### **Project Background and Objectives**

State and Territory governments are responsible for animal production and welfare laws and their enforcement. The States and Territories set and enforce animal welfare standards through administration of legislation for animal welfare and the prevention of animal cruelty. These laws cover all aspects of animal husbandry, transport and abattoir operations that occur within their respective jurisdictions. Abattoirs are required to meet licensing and other regulations under state-based meat industry legislation that protects the safety and wholesomeness of meat and meat products.

The Australian Standard for the Hygienic Production and Transportation of Meat and Meat Products for Human Consumption (AS4696:2023) is the national standard that covers the transport and production of meat and meat products regardless of whether they are for domestic consumption or export.

The 'Australian Livestock Processing Industry Animal Welfare Certification System' is a voluntary industry standard that covers the welfare of animals from receipt to slaughter. It provides an approach to animal welfare at slaughtering establishments and helps the industry demonstrate compliant animal welfare outcomes.

Model Code of Practice for the Welfare of Animals Livestock in Slaughtering Establishments (2001), currently under review, is intended as a standard to all people involved in the management of animals of various species at slaughtering establishments (abattoirs, slaughterhouses and knackerries) such as truck drivers, stockpersons, slaughtering staff, inspectors, veterinarians and abattoir management personnel. It includes aspects of unloading, pre-slaughter handling and the slaughter process.

Export-certified abattoirs must meet the same regulations as domestic abattoirs (as set out above); however, they must also meet additional regulations, such as the *Export Control Act 2020*, and the Export Control (Meat and Meat Products) Rules 2021.

APL is seeking proposals for:

- 1) The development of an auditable checklist and objective verification guidance document that provides explicit and objective verification guidance for the following abattoir standards focusing on pigs:
  - AS 4696:2023 The Australian Standard for the Hygienic Production and Transportation of Meat and Meat Products for Human Consumption.
  - Australian Livestock Processing Industry Animal Welfare Certification System’.
  - Model Code of Practice for the Welfare of Animals Livestock in Slaughtering Establishments (2001).
- 2) Extension of the auditable checklist and objective verification guidance document to the pig domestic abattoirs, export abattoirs, state regulators and Australian Meat Regulators Group

## Timeline

Date	Activity
28/11/2024	Applications open
20/12/2024	Applications close at 5 pm
15/02/2025	Notification of proposal review outcome
20/02/2025	Issue of Provider Agreement for successful applications and commencement of project

## How to make a submission

Register or log in via PigConnect - <https://pigconnect.australianpork.com.au/>

- Submit and manage Project Applications
- View and manage your in-progress Projects
- Review Project Applications referred to you

## Contact

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