

**10 July 2026**

Dear suppliers,

**MAINLAND DAIRY SUPPLIERS' COUNCIL - Councillor vacancies**

The Mainland Dairy Suppliers' Council (MDSC) provides an important link between Lactalis-Mainland Dairy (L-MD) and our Australian suppliers.

The MDSC is comprised of five executive board members and 12 regional councillors - made up of a cross-representative group of the supply base, across all supply regions. This structure means there is a total of four representatives from each region (one Regional Executive and three Councillors).

We currently have vacancies in each of our dairy regions that we are looking to fill.

To be eligible to join MDSC as a Councillor, you must be either a supplier or an active farm manager on a L-MD supplying farm in the region in which you are applying.

Attached to this letter is a high-level role description of what it means to be a regional councillor of the MDSC and what is expected from you. A fee of \$8,000 pa + GST is paid to MDSC councillors (paid quarterly).

Ongoing formal & informal training opportunities will be available to you as a MDSC Councillor.

The Chairperson of MDSC is Gippsland supplier Stuart Griffin.

The MDSC structure is designed to be regionally focussed – with the MDSC regional Executive and the three regional councillors working together in their region and reporting up (through the regional executive) to the MDSC chairperson. All regions are also further supported by the Lactalis-Mainland Dairy Farm Source team.

Appointment as a councillor to the MDSC is for a term of two years with the option of a second two-year term. Appointments to vacated positions are open to all eligible candidates from the applicable region, by application. The councillor position and any reappointment for the 2<sup>nd</sup> term are subject to performance and conduct reviews.

The current incumbents in each of the regions are listed below:

<b>North</b>	Tom Acocks (MDSC Executive), Sara McNeil (Councillor) & Craig Emmett (Councillor) 1 councillor vacancy
<b>Tas / South</b>	Mark Miers (MDSC Executive), Emma Wellwood (Councillor), 2 Councillor vacancies
<b>West</b>	David Conheady (MDSC Executive), Will McDonald (Councillor) & Grant Place (Councillor), 1 councillor vacancy
<b>Gippsland</b>	Dean Turner (MDSC Executive), Kylie Ross (Councillor), 2 Councillor vacancies

**Key dates for the applications process are;**

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July: Applications close.

Early August 2026: Interview / selection sessions commence.

To apply please complete the attached application form and return (by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July):

By email: [will.kermode@au.mainlanddairy.com](mailto:will.kermode@au.mainlanddairy.com) or

By post to;

Will Kermode – MDSC Company Secretary  
Level 2, 40 River Boulevard  
Richmond VIC 3121

If you would like more information, please contact Will Kermode (MDSC Company Secretary),  
ph 0409 232 992 or [will.kermode@au.mainlanddairy.com](mailto:will.kermode@au.mainlanddairy.com)

A copy of this letter and a full copy of the MDSC Councillor Handbook (including more details  
on the councillor position) is also available on the MDSC website: [www.supplierscouncil.com](http://www.supplierscouncil.com)

Alternatively, you should feel free to chat to your local MDSC Member or your L-MD Area /  
Regional Manager about the MDSC councillor roles and the benefits to both yourself and your  
fellow suppliers of being part of the MDSC.

Yours Faithfully,



Will Kermode  
Company Secretary – Mainland Dairy Suppliers' Council

# Mainland Dairy Suppliers' Council

## - Councillor application form (all regions)

To apply, please fill out the following details and return this form by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July – ideally by email (or by mail) to:

**Will Kermode – MDSC Company Secretary**  
**Level 2, 40 River Boulevard, Richmond VIC 3121**

**email:** [will.kermode@au.mainlanddairy.com](mailto:will.kermode@au.mainlanddairy.com)

Yes, I would like to apply for the position of Councillor on the Mainland Dairy Australia Suppliers' Council

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Farm number: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Region: \_\_\_\_\_ *(ie West, North, Gippsland, Tas)*

My reasons for applying include: *(please attach extra pages if needed)*

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide the names and farm numbers of two Lactalis-Mainland Dairy Australia suppliers outside your immediate family who are prepared to support your application:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Farm no: \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Farm no: \_\_\_\_\_

**For further information contact Will Kermode, ph 0409 232 992, or on the email address above.**  
Please note that a more detailed resume may be requested prior to the interview process.

## MDSC Councillor – role overview (summary)

The MDSC has 12 regional councillors who will concentrate on milk supply and supplier issues. As a group representing the views and opinions of Mainland Dairy suppliers, they play a vital part in helping MDSC and Mainland Dairy Australia’s management, staff and suppliers grow in their understanding of themselves and the business with which they are involved.

The key role of all MDSC members is open and honest engagement and communication. This communication is intended to be upwards communication (to the MDSC regional executive, to the MDSC Chairperson and to Mainland Dairy management).

Through their involvement, Councillors will develop their industry knowledge and leadership skills, as well as a much deeper understanding of the processor they supply. These learnings are intended to not only assist councillors with their immediate roles on the MDSC, but to also help them with future roles in the broader Dairy Industry and also the broader community.

The MDSC is an important part of Mainland Dairy Australia’s constant two-way communication with its entire supplier base. The MDSC Councillors will not be involved in price negotiations or operational issues that sit with Mainland Dairy (and the MDSC Executive). It will also not be a platform for special interest groups.

Remuneration is \$8,000 pa (plus GST) for Councillors – this remuneration is designed to assist with covering your role on farm for the time you are required to commit to the role with MDSC.

Councillors will possess an excellent dairy farm business understanding, with a desire to learn more, a willingness to actively expand your networks and to share these skills. You will be open and honest communicators, with strong relationship building skills and can develop appropriate networks within both the industry and with other suppliers.

You will also be approachable, listen to people, show leadership and be willing to be a sounding board to fellow suppliers.

A full copy of the MDSC Councillor Handbook including position descriptions is available on the MDSC Website [www.supplierscouncil.com.au](http://www.supplierscouncil.com.au) or from Will Kermodé – [will.kermode@au.mainlanddairy.com](mailto:will.kermode@au.mainlanddairy.com)

<b>Annual recurring MDSC Councillor activities</b> <i>(approximate minimum)</i>	<b>No. Of Days</b>
<b>EXPECTED COMMITTED DAYS</b>	
2 x Major MDSC Meetings - approx. 1 to 2 full days each plus travel	5
2 x Regional MDSC & L-MD meetings - approx. 2 hours each plus travel	1
<b>PREFERRED ADDITIONAL DAYS</b>	
Attendance at Supplier meetings, Christmas parties, other events	1
Present at other L-MD lead meetings, including monthly 30 min updates	1
Presence at local/ regional/ industry group meetings, e.g., Discussions Groups, RDPs	1
<b>WORKING GROUP DAYS</b>	
Miscellaneous activities e.g. assisting with MDSC programs or other working group activities	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>