

Beef + Lamb New Zealand Ltd 2019 Central South Island Director Election **CANDIDATE PROFILES**

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Phone: 027 244 7923 Email: bill.shirley.wright@gmail.com In partnership with my husband Jonty, we own and farm Levels Estate, an intensive sheep, beef and arable irrigated property on the outskirts of Timaru. We have three daughters. We really value the benefits of a rural environment and community for raising a family.

I have worked for 20 years in the sheep, beef & deer industry as a registered farm advisor with extensive experience facilitating industry (Beef + Lamb New Zealand & Deer Industry NZ) led farmer groups through Monitor Farms (Sheep & Beef) & Focus Farms (Deer Industry).

My governance experience includes the following: Opuha Water Limited, Aoraki Development (Timaru District Economic Agency) and I am currently Chair of Irrigation New Zealand. I also hold director and advisory board member roles with several private farming companies. My Irrigation NZ role has provided me with real insight into the challenges and opportunities we have ahead as farmers and I believe I can contribute these learnings to Beef + Lamb New Zealand as a board member. I see Beef + Lamb New Zealand as pivotal leaders in ensuring sheep and beef farmers throughout NZ together go on a journey of change to ensure our farming businesses are environmentally, financially and socially sustainable. Tech transfer of new innovation and management and investment in research and development is an important part of this leadership as well as identifying and using credible and recognized science to inform policy and assist in telling our story to the wider public and ultimately to our consumers.

If successful in being elected I will be committed to the governance of Beef + Lamb New Zealand, utilizing my farming and industry governance experience but also providing a two-way link from farmers to the industry and policy makers.

I offer myself for re-election as a B+LNZ Director.

I farm sheep and beef with my wife Shirley on 380 ha at Cannington, South Canterbury. I am 100% committed to a strong and profitable sheep and beef sector.

Beef + Lamb New Zealand, our farmer funded and governed organisation must be part of strengthening farmers profitability, supporting the market and advocating on their behalf for workable environmental rules. We must provide meaningful and relevant resources and fund science that delivers for farmers.

I believe in strong leadership.

As a Board we have a clear Vision and Strategy and have a sound fiscal plan and control. As a director of Beef + Lamb New Zealand, I have worked to build a strong mandate supporting farmers.

What I'm standing for;

- Beef + Lamb New Zealand as the trusted and credible provider of tools and services to farmers.
- The right to continue farming with the threat of increasing compliance.
- Cross-sector (dairy, sheep, beef and arable) engagement and investment to promote research and development.
- Extension programmes that are farmer relevant and adapting to changing farmer businesses.

- Proactive defence of NZ's biosecurity, protecting our public profile and reputation.
- Attract young people into agriculture as a career opportunity, equipping them with skills to add value and promote our industry.

Experience

- Beef + Lamb New Zealand Director
- Forages to Reduce Nitrate Leaching; Monitor Farm 2014-2019
- Chairman Beef + Lamb New Zealand Central South Island Farmer Council; 6 years
- National Farmer Council Executive 6
 Years
- BOT 13 years; 5 years Chair; Waitaki Boys' High School
- Kellogg Leadership 2009
- Lincoln Foundation Awards finalist
 2005
- Monitor Farmer 1996-99

It is a challenging time to be in agriculture, change is inevitable but the opportunities are endless, the strength is in innovation, our environment and the quality of product we produce.

I will act in the best interest of sheep, beef and dairy farmers and appreciate your support.