



Beef + Lamb New Zealand Ltd 2021 Northern South Island Director Election

CANDIDATE PROFILES

Election of ONE (1) Director

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Together with my husband David and our children we own Mt Somers Station in the Mid Canterbury foothills, a 30,000 SU property with 15 staff, running sheep, beef, deer, a 900 cow dairy unit we converted in 2013 and a beekeeping operation.

Before moving to Mt Somers in 2009 I had a background in viticulture, establishing a vineyard/winery in Marlborough. Today we've built the business to 21ha of grapes, our winery processing 1000t with sales to 16 export markets.

I'm a strong supporter of Beef + Lamb NZ and believe the organization has a key role in shaping the successful future of our farming operations, a role that will become increasingly important in the future. The pace of change we're facing as farmers from unprecedented regulatory demands means now more than ever, we need a strong industry body with a future focused strategy.

I believe Beef + Lamb NZ must continue to lead at policy level a workable pathway forward, so if change is necessary it occurs at a manageable pace and is farmer led, while also giving farmers the tools to operate and grow our businesses in this new environment.

As a sector we must continue to invest in credible science to inform that policy and growth, we must tell our story in a constructive, market focused way and we must act collaboratively across the agricultural sector with other industry groups for the best outcomes for all NZ agriculture.

Relevant governance experience/qualifications include;

- Beef + Lamb NZ Associate Director 2018
- WRONZ (Wool Research Organization) - Director
- Ashburton Trading Society - Director
- M. Appl Sci (Major Farm Management Consultancy)
- B. V&O (Viticulture and Oenology)

If successful, with my broad cross-sector experience, skills and passion for the future success of NZ agriculture I'm confident I'd make a valuable contribution to the organisation.

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As the Incumbent Director, I am seeking re-election to advocate for sensible workable rules and regulations around freshwater, biodiversity, animal welfare and climate change.

The Government has indicated its intentions in these areas, the next two years will be the implementation phase. Beef and Lamb NZ will have to work together with all Primary industry organisations to get the best outcomes for us as farmers.

Government along with others are pushing for Regenerative agriculture practices. Firstly we need to define what regenerative farming is.

All these areas have the potential to impact our productivity and profitability.

Over the last year with no overseas travel, little or no networking events and relying on Zoom meetings. The rapport I have with Ministers, farmers and industry groups both here in New Zealand and abroad over the last 6 years is invaluable, when we are not meeting face to face. This helps me advocate on your behalf.

As Dairy farmers contribute a large portion to the beef levy, I have been instrumental in getting dairy farmers on to the B+LNZ farmer council's in all regions, and the formation of a dairy strategy.

I farm Balmoral 958ha at Culverden in partnership with my wife Sue. We have irrigated flats and hill country, running sheep, beef cows and dairy grazing.

- Director of Beef + Lamb NZ 2015 onwards.
- Director NZ Meat Board 2015 onwards.
- OSPRI Stakeholders Council 2018 onwards.
- NZ Global Sheep Meat Forum representative, a collaborative group maintaining sheep meat access to the USA.

I urge you to look at the makeup and diversity of the B+LNZ board online.

I am always compelled to speak up for farmers as factors that impact on your business directly impact my business also.

I don't mind asking the hard question. If it needs saying I say it.