Farmer Director Roles
2027



Beef + Lamb New Zealand Ltd Farmer Director Roles

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

In addition to the Beef + Lamb New Zealand Ltd (B+LNZ) Board, B+LNZ Farmer Directors are also appointed to:

- the New Zealand Meat Board (NZMB) under the Meat Board Act 2004
- Meat & Wool Trust Ltd, which is the shareholder of B+LNZ holding shares in trust for sheep and beef producers.

PERFORMING BOARD DUTIES

Directors of B+LNZ, NZMB and Meat & Wool Trust Ltd must perform the duties of a Company Director as required by the Companies Act 1993, Meat Board Act 2004 and the Constitution of B+LNZ.

Directors are expected to perform their duties in accordance with all applicable legal standards, and standards of good corporate governance. They must also comply with all relevant corporate governance materials and other B+LNZ and NZMB policies provided from time to time.

Institute of Directors training is provided for Farmer Directors new to governance roles.

All Directors are expected to serve on one of B+LNZ Board's three standing committees: Audit & Risk, People & Culture, and Data & Technology. Note: the Audit & Risk and People & Culture committees are shared with NZMB.

BOARD MEETINGS

The Boards meet across the year, and meetings are organised to minimise travel.

Directors should allow up to a day of preparation time for each of the B+LNZ and NZMB Board meetings.

Additional out-of-session Board meetings may be required, particularly with respect to policy submissions to central government that require a short turnaround.

The board's meeting schedules are typically as follows, with the NZMB meetings held the day before the B+LNZ meetings:

- B+LNZ – seven meetings plus an annual meeting
- NZMB – six meetings including an annual meeting.

There are three Board committees that meet up to four times each over the year, where possible aligned with the Board meetings above.

FARMER REPRESENTATION

B+LNZ Farmer Directors are expected to support B+LNZ's regional activities in their electorate and interact closely with the B+LNZ Farmer Council and B+LNZ regional staff, including attending events where possible.

Farmer Directors are expected to attend the following:

- their local B+LNZ Farmer Council meetings 3-4 times per year, including a mid-year meeting to develop regional extension plans
- B+LNZ Director Roadshow meetings in their region across 4-6 locations and organised in conjunction with B+LNZ regional teams, to update farmers and get feedback on B+LNZ strategy.