

LET'S TALK ABOUT EXTENSION ADVISORY SERVICES IN AGRICULTURE

Dear Members

Over the past 6 months, various stakeholders within the agriculture sector have been working on a state-wide project, "**Developing an Extension Model for Practice**" having talked with over 275 extension practitioners during this time. This model covers extension and advisory services across all agricultural industries including: grazing, cropping, horticulture, bananas and sugar.

As members are the users/consumers of extension/advisory services – the industry wants and needs to hear from you to ensure the project is grounded in real life! This is your opportunity to provide input as to what is important to your farming operations from an extension perspective.

The aim of a model is to help guide the practice of extension or advisory work as they may influence outcomes such as:

1. *Assisting you with your productivity, profitability and sustainability goals ie. they may save or cost you money, time or be an important sounding board for decisions; and*
2. *On-farm practice change and adoption of research etc.*

This extension model for practice will also inform and enhance:

- The quality of extension / advisory services provided to you into the future
- a coordinated state-wide extension training & development plan for extension/ advisors linked to the tertiary/ university system and ongoing professional development opportunities (including in the paddock and mentoring)
- The streamlining of funding associated with this training & development plan; and
- Recruitment, induction and on-boarding processes

There are 4 opportunities for your practical views to be heard via Zoom – see below to join a conversation.

These short sessions will be facilitated by project collaborators from the Murdoch Institute who have been assisting with this project.

1. Option 1: Wednesday 17th June: 3.30-5pm. Join Zoom Meeting

Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84926286023?pwd=K0pHYmFmcDh2RE5pRm9lSDh2QUdJUT09>

Meeting ID: 849 2628 6023

Password: 221321

or

- 2. Option 2: Tuesday 23rd June: 12.30-2pm. Join Zoom Meeting Link:**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81626226870?pwd=Y2lVdExFNGJBR3J1bmdrYjhKMFA0UT09>

Meeting ID: 816 2622 6870

Password: 224651

or

- 3. Option 3: Tuesday 23rd June from 3.30-5pm. Join Zoom Meeting Link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85669773691?pwd=ZGF1a0RaVU5wU2RqL1JHRkJvSzJHdz09>

Meeting ID: 856 6977 3691

Password: 536715

or

- 4. Option 4: Wednesday 24th June from 3.30-5pm. Join Zoom Meeting Link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86358658684?pwd=Zkh6MkVVZjAyZ2haWWk2QUVDU2Ztdz09>

Meeting ID: 863 5865 8684

Password: 412491

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