

# Fight Food Waste Cooperative Research Centre

## New Participant Admission Guidelines

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The Fight Food Waste Cooperative Research Centre (FFW CRC) brings together industry, research and the community to capitalise on Australia's food waste opportunities. Winning this fight will save Australia \$20 billion per annum in food waste through increased industry profitability and reduced food insecurity, as well as enhancing Australia's reputation as a sustainable and trusted producer of premium food products.

Through our three research and development programs, we will REDUCE food waste across the supply chain, TRANSFORM unavoidable waste into innovative high-value co-products, and ENGAGE with industry and consumers to deliver behavioural change.

The FFW CRC is funded by the Australian Government Department of Industry, Innovation and Science. The CRC Program supports industry-led collaborations between industry, researchers and the community.

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Whilst already enjoying the support of more than 50 Core and Supporting Participants, the FFW CRC is looking for opportunities to admit new Participants where so doing will contribute to achieving FFW CRC objectives.

This document is intended to provide guidance as to the process for admission of new Core and Supporting Participants, and key considerations of any such admission.

## Specific areas of opportunity

Applications from organisations that can assist the FFW CRC in addressing the following specific areas will be particularly highly regarded:

- Capability to deliver modular and other relevant transformation technology.
- Funding for projects to deliver on assessment of policy settings.
- Opportunities emerging from the National Food Waste Strategy to deliver Australia-wide consumer behaviour change interventions.

## Defining Core and Supporting Participants

A Core Participant is a party which has agreed to contribute cash to the FFW CRC and is a party to the Core Participants Agreement.

A Supporting Participant is a party which has agreed to contribute in-kind (no cash) to the FFW CRC and has signed a Supporting Participant Agreement.

## New Core Participants

FFW CRC may from time to time decide to admit any person (the “CP Applicant”) as a Core Participant<sup>1</sup> and set the terms of the CP Applicant’s admission, provided that:

- FFW CRC has provided the existing Core Participants with at least 21 days’ notice of the intended admission of the CP Applicant, including details of the intended involvement of the CP Applicant in the FFW CRC and how this will contribute towards the FFW CRC objectives;
- FFW CRC duly considers any written feedback received by an existing Core Participant in relation to the admission of the CP Applicant; and
- the admission of the CP Applicant does not impact upon the Contributions of an existing Core Participant or otherwise alter the terms of an existing Project Agreement, unless the written permission of the relevant impacted Core Participants is obtained.

Upon admission, the new Core Participant will be required by deed of accession<sup>2</sup> to confirm and agree to be bound by the provisions of the Core Participants Agreement as if the new Core Participant was a signatory to that Agreement.

Upon and from notification by FFW CRC to all existing Core Participants of the full execution of the deed of accession, the new Party will be a Party to the Core Participants Agreement with the rights and obligations of a Core Participant. New Core Participants will also be entitled to become members of the FFW CRC Entity.

<sup>1</sup>Core Participants Agreement Clause 26.1

<sup>2</sup>Signed by FFW Ltd (legal entity), new Core Participant and existing Core Participants that have not authorised FFWL to be their variation agent, those being Queensland University of Technology, University of Adelaide, University of Queensland, University of Southern Queensland, Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, and Woolworths.

## New Supporting Participants

FFW CRC may from time to time decide to admit any organisation to be a Supporting Participant<sup>3</sup> of the FFW CRC and set the terms of the Supporting Participant's admission, including their rights and obligations with respect to the FFW CRC.

On the admission of any new Supporting Participant, the new Supporting Participant will be required to enter into a Supporting Participant Agreement with the FFW CRC Entity.

## Process of Admission

An address of the considerations of admission and specific areas of opportunity will be considered by the Research and Commercialisation Committee (RCC) at their next scheduled meeting.

In relation to competing interests/participants, the RCC, either directly or acting through the CEO, can discuss the nomination in confidence with existing participants directly effected prior to the 21 days notice period.

Once the notice period has been complete, the RCC will make a recommendation to the FFW CRC Board that takes into account feedback from existing participants.

The FFW CRC Board will convey its decision directly to the nominating participants, either directly or acting through the CEO.

<sup>3</sup>Core Participants Agreement Clause 26.4

## Key Considerations

Applicants must address the following key areas:

- Identify the project(s) the applicant seeks to participate in; if not an existing FFW CRC project then a summary of any new project that is proposed and details of other parties that would be involved.
- The cash and/or in-kind contributions that the applicant would make and the timing of these<sup>4</sup>.
- The leverage/return that is expected by the applicant in return for their contribution. This may include matching funds from FFW CRC<sup>5</sup>, leverage created by having multiple parties in a project or in the case of research providers the return of research funding to the applicant.
- Whether or not the applicant believes that their entry into the FFW CRC may compete or conflict with the interests of an existing Participant.

<sup>4</sup>There is no strict minimum or maximum contribution that a Participant may make however there is a limitation to the leverage that can be provided on these contributions (see below).

<sup>5</sup>FFW CRC will consider requests from new 'Industry' Participants to match their cash contributions with CRC funds up to a maximum of \$1 to \$1 on a case by case basis. Availability of matching funds is limited since the attraction of new Participant funding does not generate additional funding from the CRC Program.

# NOMINATION PROFORMA FOR NEW CORE OR SUPPORTING PARTICIPANTS

Organisation name: \_\_\_\_\_

ABN: \_\_\_\_\_

Short form name \_\_\_\_\_

Key contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Notice details: Registered address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please outline your interest in joining the Fight Food Waste Cooperative Research Centre:

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Please complete the below table  
(refer to key considerations on previous page)

Consideration	Details
Project Involvement	_____
Contribution Proposed	_____
Leverage/Return Expected	_____
Competing Interests*	_____

\*Current participants at [www.fightfoodwastecrc.com.au/about-us/](http://www.fightfoodwastecrc.com.au/about-us/)

Please identify any specific areas of opportunity:

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Please return completed forms to the Company Secretary,  
Ian Hardwick: [ian@fightfoodwastecrc.com.au](mailto:ian@fightfoodwastecrc.com.au)

This form is an example only; the editable version is available from  
[enquiries@fightfoodwastecrc.com.au](mailto:enquiries@fightfoodwastecrc.com.au)

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