



Australian Government

Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Board Appointments



Balance Database – A skills register for appointments in the Australian Government Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolio

Rural Australia needs you

Do you have a background or an interest in Australian agriculture, fishing, forestry or food processing sectors? Would you like to contribute to the future prosperity of these industries? Why not use your skills and experience to become a part-time board director or member of one of the sector's many statutory or non-statutory bodies?

There are many such organisations within the Australian Government Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolio. They range from industry-based research and development corporations (RDCs), to marketing and regulatory authorities, to advisory councils and groups. They include such organisations as the Rural Industries R&D Corporation, Land and Water Australia, the Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation, the Australian Fisheries Management Authority and the National Rural Advisory Council.

The skills and experience needed to be a board member varies depending on the role of the particular organisation. To help these organisations access people with the right background and abilities, the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) maintains a register of interested candidates – the *Balance* database. *Balance* contains the details of people interested in being considered for appointment to part-time positions with our portfolio bodies. It is used in appointment processes by the portfolio's Ministers and Parliamentary Secretary, by specialised selection committees established by legislation and by relevant DAFF staff.

How it works

When a position needs filling, we search the *Balance* database to identify potential candidates who meet the selection criteria. Details are passed on to the originator of the search request, who may ask candidates to participate in a formal selection process.

Adding your name to the *Balance* database does not mean you will automatically be considered for a position or appointed to a board. The database is only one of a number of ways potential candidates are identified. People registered with the database should continue to apply for any advertised positions that are of particular interest to them.

DAFF is subject to the *Privacy Act 1988*, and your personal information will be treated accordingly.

How to register

There is an information package available containing a registration form, information on the organisations and expected board vacancies.

If you would like to register we can send or email you the package. Please contact Wendy Griffin on (02) 6272 4540. You can also email us at balance@daff.gov.au or write to us at:

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