



Sheep and goat eID National Implementation Plan – updated 6 April 2023

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Australian Capital Territory	1 January 2025	1 January 2025	N/A - no abattoirs in the ACT	N/A - no sale yards in the ACT	1 January 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NIL
New South Wales https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/animals-and-livestock/nlis/sheep-and-goat-electronic-identification	1 January 2025	1 January 2027	30 June 2024	1 January 2025	1 January 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NIL
Northern Territory	1 January 2025	1 January 2025	1 January 2025	1 January 2025	1 January 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Northern Territory Livestock Act and Regulations is currently under review with a new Northern Territory Livestock Biosecurity Act and Regulations planned for implementation on 1 January 2025.
Queensland	1 January 2025	1 January 2027	tbc	tbc	1 January 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Queensland supports the commitment to roll out a national sheep and goat electronic identification system and will work with stakeholders to develop and deliver an implementation plan for the State that aligns with the national commitment.
South Australia https://livestocksa.org.au/eid/eid-faqs	1 January 2025	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minister Scriven has agreed in principle to the development of a national industry-led sheep and goat electronic identification (eID) system, with a target date for the introduction of eIDs set for 1 January 2025. The industry lead Livestock SA Sheep Traceability Steering Committee has commenced Phase 2 of their Sheep and Goat Traceability Project. This involves the development of an implementation plan and communications and engagement strategy.
Tasmania	Tasmanian Government yet to make a formal decision	Tasmanian Government yet to make a formal decision	Tasmanian Government yet to make a formal decision	Tasmanian Government yet to make a formal decision	Tasmanian Government yet to make a formal decision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Red Meat Industry Steering Committee through the Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association have recently released their phase 1 report on the implementation of sheep and goat eID in Tasmania. The report has been delivered to the Department of Natural Resources and Environment and the contained recommendations are currently under consideration.
Victoria (implemented) https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/livestock-and-animals/national-livestock-identification-system/nlis-sheep-and-goats	1 January 2017	1 January 2022	31 December 2017	31 March 2018	31 March 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NIL
Western Australia https://www.agric.wa.gov.au/livestock-movement-identification/electronic-identification-sheep-and-goats	1 January 2025	1 January 2025	1 January 2025	1 January 2025	1 January 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The WA Sheep and Goat Advisory Group has met 6 times since November 2021, to determine how to best move forward with mandatory eID in WA. A Tag Incentive Program went live on 28 March 2023, offering a 75 cent per tag discount for fully accredited sky blue (year of birth colour) eID tags purchased before 30/6/2023. Funds and discount are being handled at manufacturer level to minimise administration. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> By 4/4/23 – 114,500+ tags ordered, giving a good indication of acceptance and planning by the WA sheep industry. An invitation only infrastructure grant scheme being developed to allow saleyards and larger processors to allow infrastructure upgrades to commence. Further opportunities for funding have been applied for/submitted and await outcomes.

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						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Various sector specific meetings are being held to allow detailed discussion on operational implementation matters – lives exporters & saleyards already held; goat industry (dairy, meat, fibre, rangeland) and GICA sector meeting on 20/4/23. DPIRD staff specialising in sheep eID / NLIS continue to attend a wide range of events to help address stakeholder concerns and explain the mandatory ID process in WA, including field days, with livestock agent companies, grower groups and agricultural consultants.
Commonwealth	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Commonwealth continues to work with states and territories on the equitable allocation of \$20 million in co-funding to support on- and off-farm traceability improvements, including the national roll-out of individual eID for sheep and goats. The Commonwealth continues discussions with Integrity Systems Company, administrator of the NLIS, on investment of up to \$26.6 million in Federal funding to support uplift of the NLIS database and associated systems. This is a significant whole-of-system, multi-year undertaking that will deliver benefits for the broader Australian livestock sector.

Industry	Comments
Australian Dairy Farmers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NIL at this time
Australian Meat Industry Council https://amic.org.au/amic-announces-position-on-sheep-and-managed-goat-eid-timelines/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NIL at this time
Cattle Council of Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NIL at this time
Goat Industry Council Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NIL at this time
SAFEMEAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NIL at this time
Sheep Producers http://www.sheepproducers.com.au/sgttf	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sheep Producers Australia is the national peak body of the Australian sheepmeat industry and is responsible for advocating for issues that are beyond state borders, individual regions or enterprises. A key policy of, and request made by Sheep Producers Australia (SPA) of government has been the implementation of individual electronic identification (eID) for sheep in conjunction with broader whole-of-system reform to nationally strengthen traceability for biosecurity, food safety, emergency response, and to support market access claims. We must continuously improve our systems to protect our producers, industry and markets. The Sheep Producers Australia's Policy Council has representation from all State Farming Organisations and across the supply chain. Sheep Producers Australia engages regularly with its Policy Council and members on traceability reform and the outcomes of the Sheep and Goat Traceability Task Force (SGTTF), as well as provide them the opportunity to give feedback on State-based issues related to national traceability reform and harmonisation. Sheep Producers Australia contributes to traceability programs, projects and collaborates with Integrity Systems Company (ISC), Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA), SAFEMEAT, state and federal government and industry partners. This collaboration is to ensure effective compliance and enforcement activities, targeted research and development is implemented to improve national traceability for sheep. The cost to transition from mob-based to individual identification eID, and the associated system changes required to support that transition, is the most significant step in evolving into a more robust system. Sheep Producers Australia is seeking funding from the federal budget to develop a national sheep industry eID transition communications campaign and engagement program. This would be in partnership with and to support industry, and our SFO member organisations. Sheep Producers Australia has requested additional funding to develop and implement an industry-led initiative to support a national eID tag procurement model.
WoolProducers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NIL at this time
Integrity Systems Company	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ISC has prioritised developing the existing NLIS database to ensure it has the capacity to ingest the significant increase in volume of data expected with full implementation of sheep and goat eID nationally. Testing the database capacity will commence in conjunction with the jurisdictions over the coming months, to ensure the database set up is complete by 1 January 2025. ISC is also finalising the proposal with DAFF for the development of the new livestock traceability platform under the recent funding announcement from the Minister. The Grant details are being finalised with the aim of commencing stakeholder consultation in Q4 2023.