

Agricultural Sustainability Data Symposium Agenda

Date	24-25 September 2026
Location	The Long Room, Customs House, Brisbane - The air condition in the rooms does not suit everyone, please bring a jacket. - Customs House Catering ensures that care is taken regarding allergies but our kitchen does contain nuts, shellfish and seeds. We cannot guarantee that there will be no cross contamination. - High-risk dietary requirement guests MUST bring an EpiPen and notify staff onsite of their condition.
Time	Day 1: 9.00am-5.00pm Day 2: 8.00am-1.30pm followed by lunch

Day 1 – We already know the problem, why are we still stuck?

Time	Session
8:30-9:00	Arrival coffee
9:00-9:15	Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country Angela Schuster – MC
9:15-9:30	Opening address Nick Blong – First Assistant Secretary, Productivity and Sustainability Division, Department Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF)
9:30-10:30	Session 1: Requests for sustainability evidence are numerous and increasing – can Australian agriculture use this as an opportunity? - Carmel Onions – Executive Manager Agri Sustainability, Commonwealth Bank - Bel Quince – General Manager, Sustainability – Climate & Nature, Woolworths Group Panel discussion - Chaired by Nicole Yazbek-Martin – Executive, Australian Sustainable Finance Institute (ASFI)
10:30-11:00	Morning tea

11:00-12:30	Session 2: Indicators, metrics and measures – why consistency and coordination matters • <i>Dr David Lemon – Principal Research Scientist, CSIRO</i> • <i>Dr Laura Kostanski – Principal – Strategic Design, CSIRO</i> • <i>Hamish McIntyre – MD, McIntyre Agricultural and NFF President</i> Inspiring example: How Australia creates consistency from diverse environmental data without pretending everything can be measured the same way • <i>Maya Stuart-Fox – Head of Division, Environment Information Australia</i> Panel discussion • <i>Chaired by Kylie Porter – Chief Executive Officer, Queensland Farmers' Federation</i>
12:30-1:15	Lunch
1:30-3:00	Strategic forum: Mapping the coordination failure Where sustainability data requirements originate, where duplication and fragmentation occur, and which failures require national coordination.
3:00-3:30	Afternoon tea
3:30-4:30	Session 3: Data, ownership and value – why nobody wants to share • <i>Andrew Skinner – Director, More than Machines</i> • <i>Jane Siebum – CEO, Freshcare</i> Inspiring example: What BHP has learnt about why coordination and cooperation succeeds or fails • <i>Xavier Murray, Manager Environment Digital Project, BHP</i> Panel discussion • <i>Chaired by Mike Geurin – Chief Executive Officer, National Farmers' Federation</i>
4:30-5:00	Day close and Day 2 overview • <i>Angela Schuster – MC</i>
5:00-6:30	Canapes and networking

Day 2 commences at 8am

Day 2 – What would coordinated action actually require?

Time	Session
8:00-8:15	Arrival coffee
8:15-8:30	Welcome Angela Schuster - MC
8:30-9:30	Session 4: Enabling infrastructure, standards and interoperability - focusing on what must be centralised and what must not - Prof David Lamb - Deputy CEO & Chief Scientist, Food Agility CRC - Andrew Cooke – CTO, Map of Ag (NZ) Inspiring example: How Australia's digital health sector has achieved interoperability and what agriculture can learn from that experience - Dr David Hansen - CEO, Australian e-Health Research Centre Panel discussion - Chaired by Salvo Vitelli - General Manager, Agribusiness Policy, QLD Department of Primary Industries
9:30-10:00	Strategic forum: Designing the minimum viable national coordination model What must be coordinated nationally, what should remain sector-led, and the minimum governance, standards and infrastructure required to make the system work.
10:00-10:30	Morning tea
10:30-11:30	Strategic forum: Continued
11:30-1:00	Session 5: Stewardship by design - governing a federated sustainability data ecosystem - Dr David Lemon – Principal Research Scientist, CSIRO - Dr Laura Kostanski – Principal – Strategic Design, CSIRO - Jo Quigley – CEO, Integrity Systems Company Inspiring example: What agriculture can learn from the Australian payment sector about coordinated governance, coordination, interoperability and trust - Toby Evans - Head of Economic Crime at the Australian Payments Network, AusPayNet Panel discussion - Chaired by Su McCluskey – Chair, Crawford Fund for Food Security and Member of the National Food Council
1:00-1:30	Closing remarks and actions Angela Schuster - MC
1:30-2:30	Please join us for lunch at the conclusion of the day