



Agricultural Sustainability Data Symposium

24-25 September 2026 ` 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? - Jack Holden – Managing Director, Ridge Road Advisory - 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
00-12:30	Session 2: Indicators, metrics and measures – why consistency and coordination matters - Dr David Lemon – Principal Research Scientist, CSIRO - Hamish McIntyre – MD, McIntyre Agricultural and NFF President - Maya Stuart-Fox – Head of Division, Environment Information Australia Panel discussion - Chaired by Kylie Porter – Chief Executive Officer, Queensland Farmers' Federation
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 - Andrew Skinner – Director, More Than Machines - Jane Siebum – CEO, Freshcare - Xavier Murray, Manager Environment Digital Project, BHP Panel discussion - Chaired by Mike Geurin – Chief Executive Officer, National Farmers' Federation
4:30-5:00	Day close and Day 2 overview Angela Schuster – MC
5:00-6:30	Canapes and networking



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) - 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 Laura Kostanski – Principal – Strategic Design, CSIRO - Jo Quigley – General Manager - Integrity Systems Company, Meat & Livestock Australia - 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

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Speaker bios and event details



Publications about the AASF and the Data Ecosystem

