

Variety Classification Panel Member Position Description

Purpose of the Panel

The objective of the Variety Classification Panel (Panel) is to faithfully apply the requirements and processes set out by the Wheat Classification Council (Council) in the classification of new wheat varieties; provide explanation of the decisions they reach relative to those requirements and processes and identify potential changes to the requirements and processes and report these to the Council and/or WQA Board.

Selection Criteria

Panel members require the following skills and experience –

- Extensive experience in wheat quality evaluation, assessment of data, and/or categorisation of wheat for end-use potential
- Strong analytical skills
- In-depth knowledge of the end-uses of wheat and the quality factors which impact on the production of those end products
- Understanding of the flour milling process, and its effects on flour quality and resultant suitability for processing into food products
- A thorough understanding of the complex inter-relationships of wheat quality factors
- Knowledge of the various testing methods employed in wheat quality laboratories, and the extent to which data describing particular wheat parameters are interchangeable
- Knowledge and appreciation of the international wheat market, its quality requirements and the key characteristics of wheats exported by Australia's exporters
- Knowledge and understanding of the quality of current control varieties
- Capacity to work in a team
- Excellent communication skills

Time Commitment

Panel members will be required to commit no more than a total of 28 days per year to the functions of the Panel. The time allocation is broken down as follows –

- no more than 8 days for attendance at Panel Meetings
- no more than 16 days for preparation and written reporting
- no more than 4 days for verbal reporting to wheat breeding companies and the Council

Panel meetings may be face-to-face or via teleconference, at a time and place determined by the Company in consultation with the Panel. At least one, and no more than four, one or two-day face-to-face Panel meetings may be held annually.

Panel members will require up to two days preparation and reporting time for each sitting day of the Panel.

Panel assessments are conducted using an online database application into which breeders submit test data on candidate lines

Term & Remuneration

Panellists are contracted for two years and will be remunerated on a daily contract rate.

Please submit applications by 5pm on Friday 6th October 2017 to hugh.robertson@wheatquaity.com.au