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# Foreword

To be completed by the AgriFutures Program Manager

Your foreword should address the following:

* A basic background that is relevant to the research. What should we know about the industry?
* What is the problem that the research is addressing? Why the need for this work?
* What were the key findings? What do the key findings mean for the industry?
* What are the key recommendations? What practice change should happen as a result of this research? What is the takeaway for producers and industry?

You should also include a paragraph giving details of funding received for the project.

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# Acknowledgements

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# Abbreviations

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# Executive summary

The executive summary is your opportunity to provide the reader with an overview of your project. It should be able to stand on its own and inform someone who has no prior knowledge of the research about why it was conducted, what it found, and what your recommendations are.

Good executive summaries are generally between 5-10% of the length of the full report (i.e. one to two pages for a 20-page report), although **should not be longer than five pages**.

Your executive summary should detail:

* The background context in which the project exists. As an example:
	+ What is the size and geographic footprint of the industry?
	+ Why is the industry important to Australia?
	+ What is the problem that the research aimed to address? Why is it a problem?
	+ What impacts is the problem causing the industry?
* What the research aimed to achieve and who many benefit from its findings
* Research approach and the methods used
* Results and key findings
* Implications for the industry and industry participants
	+ What impact will your research have on stakeholders? How will stakeholders benefit? What do the findings *mean* in a practical sense?
* Recommendations
	+ What are you recommending happens as a result of your findings?
	+ What should stakeholders do with your results and what are the next steps?

# Introduction

Your introduction is an opportunity to set the scene. Use this space to convince them why the research is important and what identified problem it solves.

Include background on the industry and why the issue/problem being researched is a priority. Detail any previous research in the field and what led you to undertake this research.

A well-written introduction enables the reader to identify the knowledge gap that this project attempted to fill.

Explain key issues, concepts, terminology and definitions that will aid understanding of subsequent sections. Detail any hypotheses that formed the backbone of the research.

# Objectives

Objectives of the project – as agreed in the contract.

Note: This is your final deliverable for the project, and so objectives should be written in past tense; ‘The objectives of this project were …’

# Methodology

Describe the methods used. Where relevant, provide insight into why the methodology is the most appropriate to answer the research question.

# Results

What were the results/key findings from the research conducted?

Provide detailed results, including tables and figures where relevant. Include explanation of the results and what you see in them.

# Discussion

Use this section to discuss what the results show and how the results address the objectives.

What outcomes can be drawn from the results? How do the results compare to any hypothesis?

If relevant, discuss how your findings relate to other work already undertaken in the field.

# Implications

AgriFutures Australia places great emphasis on ensuring research findings are effectively extended into industry, to enable widespread adoption and implementation. Substantial reflections about the impact that your research could have will contribute to this effort.

In this section, detail the impact the findings could have, should they be widely adopted.

What do the findings *mean* in a practical sense? Who will the research impact? Will impacted stakeholders/industry benefit from the findings? If so, how? Why should stakeholders/industry adopt outcomes from the research?

If relevant, include an assessment of the potential economic impact – is there an estimated return on investment stemming from adoption?

# Recommendations

AgriFutures Australia places great emphasis on ensuring research findings are effectively extended into industry, to enable widespread adoption and implementation. Detailed recommendations (including who they are targeted at) will contribute to this effort.

In the context of your findings, detail what you recommend happens from here.

Does further research need to be conducted? Are there extension activities that would enable the benefits to be realised? What should relevant stakeholders/industry do with your research outcomes? What are the actions and next steps as part of research adoption?

If appropriate and relevant, provide recommendations as to how the results of the project can be commercialised.

These should be straightforward and easy to understand, provide a clear implementation strategy and detail what actions should be taken and by whom. They should be detailed enough to get the point across but not include more discussion.

# Appendices

If required.

# Glossary

If required.

# References

References/cross-references. Please use Australian Harvard to style your references.

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AgriFutures Australia is looking forward to sharing your research findings to ensure they are widely disseminated and adopted on-farm and within industry.

To ensure your research hits the mark, please use this template to format your work before submitting in our project management system, K2.

This guide is designed to help you get the most out of the template and to ensure the outcome of your research is informative, accessible and easily understood by a broad audience.

Should you require further assistance, please contact the relevant AgriFutures Australia Program Manager.

**Note: These instructions should be deleted upon submission of your deliverable.**

## General guidelines

* Your final deliverable needs to inform on your research methodology and findings. It must be accessible in its presentation and language to enable effective extension and adoption within industry. Communicating your work in an accessible way can be tricky but is important to ensure the project has meaningful impact.
* Your final deliverable must be uploaded against your project in AgriFutures Australia’s online project management system, K2. Refer to the Submitting a Final Deliverable Guide within the K2 guides and log-in section of the researchers’ page on the AgriFutures Australia website.
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* If the deliverable, or part thereof, is confidential and its publication may extinguish intellectual property rights, then please clearly state this when uploading it into K2.
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## Headings and text

The Final Deliverable Template has a **series of heading styles embedded** in it. These are to ensure consistency throughout and means you can automatically generate a table of contents once you have completed your writing.

Please **avoid using automatic numbering** on headings – if required, number headings manually.

When generating a table of contents, table lists and figure lists, please have the **hyperlink box** ticked. This enables interactive lists when PDF files are generated.

The heading styles are:

**Heading1 (Product Sans, 22pt, bold)**

**Heading2 (Product Sans, 16pt, bold)**

**Heading3 (Product Sans, 14pt, bold)**

**Heading4 (Product Sans, 12pt, bold)**

*Heading5 (Product Sans, 12pt, italics)*

Body text is Times New Roman, 11pt

## AgriFutures Australia final deliverable structure

### Preliminary pages

The preliminary pages in the deliverable should be numbered with Roman numerals, and set out in the order outlined below. The Final Deliverable Template has the Roman numerals automatically embedded – please avoid adding section breaks, as this will disrupt the page numbering.

**Page i: Deliverable title**Replace the highlighted text with appropriate information. If the information does not fit on one page, you may need to adjust spacing. The title page should not display a page number.

**Page ii: Disclaimer page**All text on this page should remain. Replace the highlighted text with the appropriate information.

**Page iii: Foreword**The foreword will be written by the AgriFutures Australia Program Manager.

**Page iv: Acknowledgements, Abbreviations and/or About the author**Fill out these sections if they are relevant to your project.

**Page v: Contents**A table of contents has been included. If you follow the heading hierarchy, your headings will automatically be included when it is updated (right-click the contents list, go to ‘Update Field’).

**Page vi: Tables, Figures**If you have tables or figures in your deliverable, create a list of them here. Under the References tab, click ‘Insert Table of Figures’. Note: Your table/figure captions will only appear if they have been generated within the body of your deliverable using the ‘Insert Caption’ function.

**Page vii: Executive summary**The executive summary is your opportunity to provide the reader with an overview of your project. It should be able to stand on its own and inform someone who has no prior knowledge of the research about why it was conducted, what it found, what it means, and what your recommendations are.

### Deliverable body

The body of the deliverable should be set out in a number of chapters. The below heading structure can be used, and is suitable for a variety of scientific research projects.

**However, chapter titles can be changed** or customised to suit the type of deliverable, or as the author sees fit. Add or delete headings as appropriate.

**Introduction** Background to the project.

**Objectives** Objectives of the project – as agreed in the contract.

**Methodology** Description of methods used, including justification.

**Results** What were the results/key findings?

**Discussion** What outcomes can be drawn from the results? How do the results compare to any hypothesis?

**Implications** What impact will your research have on those at the forefront of the industry? How will the industry benefit from the findings? What do the findings *mean* in a practical sense?

**Recommendations** If appropriate, provide recommendations on the activities or other steps that may be taken to further develop, disseminate or to exploit commercially the results of the project.

**Appendices** If required.

**Glossary** If required.

**References** Please use Australian Harvard to style your references.

## Formatting conventions

The deliverable is set for A4 pages, with top, bottom, left and right margins all set at 2.5 centimetres. All text should be left-justified. Headings are set in Product Sans and body text should be set in Times New Roman 11-point (use the styles provided). Note that paragraph spacing has been embedded in the styles, so there is no need for an extra return between paragraphs.

### Lists, bullets and dashes

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* Bullet
	+ Circle
		- Square

As a rule of thumb, a list should be introduced with a colon, and list items should start with a capital letter.

As a guide, put a full stop at the end of list items if the item is lengthy. Do not put a full stop at the end of a bullet point item if the text is brief.

### Quotes

If you are including quoted material, this can be done in two ways. For short quotes, use double quote marks to highlight the quoted text. For block quotes, set them in a separate paragraph and use the ‘Quote’ style from the toolbar.

The quoted text will look like this. Generally it is only necessary to set quoted text as a block quote when the quote contains 30 or more words.

### Information in a breakout box

The ‘Intense Quote’ style in the toolbar allows you to place greater emphasis on an important piece of information.

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### Tables and figures

If you are including tables and figures, you need to generate their captions properly so they automatically appear when you generate a list of tables or list of figures.

1. Place your cursor where you want the caption to be generated. Under the References tab, click ‘Insert Caption’.
2. Type the text for your caption. Make sure the correct label is set (either ‘Table’ or ‘Figure’).
3. Hit enter. Your caption should appear.
4. Highlight the caption and re-style it as per ‘TableCaption’ and ‘FigureCaption’ in the styles list. This will amend the formatting to Arial Bold 10pt, the style used by AgriFutures Australia.

Table captions should be placed **above** the table. Figure captions should be placed **below** the figure.

When generating a table of contents, table lists and figure lists, please have the **hyperlink box** ticked. This enables interactive lists when PDF files are generated.

Tables appear cleanest when the font used is a sans serif, such as Arial 10pt. As a general guide, spacing should be set as 2pt both before and after the text (set this under the Layout tab).

Table 1. Example table caption

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| List item D |  |  |  |

Figure 2. Example figure caption

### Boxed text

If you have some text you would like to highlight in a box (for example, a case study), you should use the following styles.

Box name

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This text is set in the style ‘BoxText’. The border will automatically appear around any text that is set with this style.

### Numbering

You can number your chapters and subheadings, but numbers should be inserted manually. Please **do not use the automatic numbering function**, as this can cause problems for the publishers. Please do not number paragraphs.

Bullets are preferrable for list items, however numbers can be used when, for instance, you are detailing steps that were followed in a procedure.

### Section breaks

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Please ensure the page number on your new page continues on from the previous page. This can be done by double-clicking on the page number, then going ‘Format Page Numbers’.

### Graphics and photographs

We recommend that you include photographs relevant to the project. These illustrate the text, and are also used to produce covers and promotional material.

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