

# PLANT INITIATED PROJECTS

## Guidelines for AMPC members

The AMPC Plant Initiated Project (PIP) program allows AMPC members to access part of their statutory levies, accumulated over a five-year period, to carry out research and development (R&D) initiatives in their own plant. Levy funds and member contributions to PIPs are eligible for 50% government matching.

By undertaking research and development activities in a commercial setting, the PIP program aims to foster new ideas, technologies, and innovation within the Australian red meat processing sector.

### HOW TO GET A PIP PROJECT



A 35% proportion of your processor levy is allocated to your AMPC member PIP balance over a five-year accumulation period. You have five financial years (inclusive) to utilise the funds in your PIP balance. This only applies from the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2019, any levies prior are accounted for at 25%.



Any unused balance that falls outside of that applicable five-year period are deemed expired and cannot be accessed for a PIP. Your Program Manager can help you understand your applicable balance and how to calculate it.



As a member of AMPC, you are required to send us a copy of your *Return of Beef Production and Livestock Slaughter form*, submitted to the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (DAWE), each month. This is so AMPC can track your levies paid and therefore calculate your applicable PIP balance.

**Not sure if your plant is an AMPC member? Wondering what your PIP balance is? Call AMPC on 02 8908 5500 or email our team on [levy@ampc.com.au](mailto:levy@ampc.com.au) to find out.**

### WILL YOUR PIP PROJECT IDEA QUALIFY?



1.

Does your project aim to develop or evaluate new or innovative concepts, processes, or technologies?



2.

Does your project seek to commercially apply new or recent research and development outcomes into new applications or settings?



3.

Will your project benefit the broader red meat industry and be able to demonstrate that benefit?

**Want to talk it through?  
Give AMPC's research team a call on  
02 8908 5500**

### HOW ARE PIPS FUNDED?

A Plant Initiated Project's funding is provided by:



UP TO

**25%**

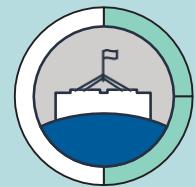
is from AMPC  
(Via your PIP balance)



A MINIMUM OF

**25%**

is contributed directly by the member, and / or another funding partner



**50%**

is provided by the Australian Government, where applicable

### HOW TO MAKE YOUR PIP PROJECT HAPPEN



1. **Contact AMPC to discuss your idea** at a high-level and your available PIP balance so we can understand what you'd like to do. Depending on the area of research, you will speak to an AMPC Program Manager who can help you to refine your idea and let you know if there's any pre-existing research you should be aware of.



3. **Submit** a completed PIP proposal form to AMPC.



4. The proposal will go through formal **assessment procedures** to be approved. Your AMPC Program Manager will keep you informed on its progress.



2. **Develop your project scope** and, with AMPC recommendations, identify who you'd like to be your research provider. Your AMPC program manager will help you.



5. AMPC will **manage finalisation** of key documentation – Contribution Agreements on your plant's behalf and / or your partner contributor's behalf, and the Research Agreement with your provider.