Please download a copy of the Terms of Reference and preliminary application guidelines to assist you in completing this preliminary application form. Available at [www.mla.com.au/extension-training-and-tools/pds-producer-demonstration-sites/mlagrdc-partnership--producer-demonstration-site-pds-projects/](http://www.mla.com.au/extension-training-and-tools/pds-producer-demonstration-sites/mlagrdc-partnership--producer-demonstration-site-pds-projects/).

Tenders must comply with all requirements specified within this preliminary application form and the Terms of Reference. All sections of this application form must be completed. The application guidelines may assist in completing this application.

This preliminary application form should be no more than **4 pages** once completed, excluding any additional declarations required per the Terms of Reference and the privacy statement.

The privacy statement (only) can be on a 5th page (if needed), please do not delete the privacy statement.

***A financial contribution is required under this project type; refer to the*** [***Terms of Reference.***](https://www.mla.com.au/extension-training-and-tools/pds-producer-demonstration-sites/mlagrdc-partnership--producer-demonstration-site-pds-projects/) ***Applications must also include a completed MDC Source of Funds Declaration.***

**Preliminary applications are to be submitted electronically via email to:** **pds@mla.com.au****.** All Preliminary applications must include:

* Completed Application Form
* Signed Tender Declaration (See Terms of Reference Annexure 1)
* Signed MDC Source of Funds Declaration (See Terms of Reference Annexure 2)

All requests for further information or clarification are to be submitted via email, attention to Alana McEwan, Producer Demonstration Site Program Project Manager, at pds@mla.com.au prior to Friday, 20th September 2024; all requests and responses to requests will be published as Frequently Asked Questions at the bottom of the MLA [GRDC PDS Partnership program webpage](https://www.mla.com.au/extension-training-and-tools/pds-producer-demonstration-sites/mlagrdc-partnership--producer-demonstration-site-pds-projects/).

***NB: Please delete all instructions/examples within the application before submitting***

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| **MLA GRDC PARTNERSHIP PDS PRIORITY:** *Identify the MLA GRDC Partnership PDS priority/ies this application will address, as per the terms of reference:*   |

**MLA and GRDC Regions** *(refer to* [*PDS Preliminary application guidelines*](http://www.mla.com.au/pds) *document for maps)*

Please select the MLA consultation region/s, GRDC sub region/s **and** climatic zone/s relevant to this application

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|  | MLA Consultation Region | GRDC Sub Region |
| Northern | [ ]  NABRC – North QLD[ ]  NABRC – Central QLD[ ]  NABRC – Western QLD[ ]  NABRC – South Qld | [ ] SALRC – Northern NSW[ ] SALRC – Central & Western NSW[ ]  SALRC – Southern NSW | [ ]  Coast & Tablelands Qld[ ]  Central Qld[ ]  South East Qld [ ]  South West Qld | [ ]  Coast and Tablelands NSW[ ]  North East NSW [ ]  North West NSW [ ]  Central East NSW | [ ]  Central West NSW[ ]  South East NSW [ ]  South West NSW |
| Southern  | [ ]  SALRC – South Australia [ ]  SALRC – Central VIC   | [ ]  SALRC – Western VIC [ ]  SALRC – South East VIC & TAS | [ ]  Far West SA[ ]  Fleurieu Peninsula, Coorong & Upper Southeast SA[ ]  Kangaroo Island[ ]  Lower and Mid North SA[ ]  Lower Eyre Peninsula | [ ]  North SA Mallee[ ]  South SA Mallee[ ]  South East SA[ ]  Upper Eyre Peninsula[ ]  Upper North SA[ ]  Yorke Peninsula[ ]  North Central VIC  | [ ]  North East VIC[ ]  North VIC Mallee[ ]  South VIC Mallee[ ]  South West VIC [ ]  Wimmera[ ]  Tasmania [ ]  Gippsland |
| Western | [ ]  WALRC – Great Southern [ ]  WALRC – South West | [ ]  WALRC – Northern Agricultural Region[ ]  WALRC – Wheatbelt | [ ]  Albany Port Zone[ ]  Esperance Port Zone | [ ]  Kwinana East Port Zone[ ]  Kwinana West Port Zone | [ ]  Geraldton Port Zone |
| Climatic Zone | [ ]  Cool/Cool Temperate | [ ]  Mild/Warm Temperate | [ ]  Sub-tropical/sub-humid | [ ]  Tropical Moist | [ ]  Tropical Wet |

*Note: We encourage applicants to consult with their relevant Regional Research Committee or GRDC Grower Relations Managers on their project proposal.*

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| **Group Name** |  |
| **Project Title** |  |
| **Contact Person** |  |
| **Phone Number** |  | **Mobile Number** |  |
| **Email Address** |  |
| **No. of Members** |  | **Location of Group** |  |
| **No. of ‘Core’ producers** |  | **No. of Demonstration sites** |  |
| **Project start date** |  | **Project completion date** |  |
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| **Contracting Organisation**

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| **Name** |  |
| **Trading Name** |  |
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| **Insurance** The tenderer must provide details of current insurance policies held by it and each proposed subcontractor and supplier:

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| **Insurance type** | **Policy number** | **Extent of cover: per incident** | **Extent of cover: in aggregate** | **Expiry date** |
| Professional indemnity |  |  |  |  |
| Public liability |  |  |  |  |
| Workers’ compensation |  |  |  |  |

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| **Purpose / Role of Group:** *Include brief commentary about the producer group, how many producers are involved (core and wider interest group), what are their areas of interest, did they form specifically for this project or already established) and previous experience and capacity to undertake a PDS (max 300 words)* |
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| **The Challenge / Problem / Opportunity.** *Specify as objectively as possible:** *What is the problem/opportunity*
* *Quantify its impact on producers and the industry*
* *How many producers does it impact in your region*
* *How is it being addressed now, if at all*
* *Provide an estimate of number of producers already adopting the proposed practices*
* *Have you received RAC support for the proposed project prior to submission*
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| **Aim** *One short sentence, refer to Guidelines - For example: Demonstrate that dual-purpose canola increase pre-joining liveweight gains, conditions scores, and reproductive rate (measured by pregnancy scanning) of ewes relative to current forage options and can be harvested in its second year to produce a seed/oil crop* |
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| **Objectives of project** *SMART - Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Time-based, For Example: By December 2017, in the Mallee region of Victoria, the project will establish 3 demonstration sites engaging 10 core producers and a minimum of 50 observer producers to:*1. *Demonstrate and assess the potential of two varieties of dual purpose canola to increase:*
	1. *Pre-joining liveweight gains of merino ewes from Xg/d to Yg/d*
	2. *The condition score of ewes at lambing to CS 3 (from CS2)*
	3. *The reproductive rate (measured by pregnancy scanning) of ewes relative to current forage options and demonstrate the crop can be harvested to produce a viable seed / oil crop.*
2. *Conduct a cost benefit analysis to determine the relative economic performance of the canola varieties on reproductive performance compared to existing forage types*
3. *Implement a series of skills and training development activities to increase the knowledge skills and confidence of 60 core and observer producers in dual purpose crops and ewe management*
4. *75 per cent of core producers will have adopted dual purpose crops and 25% of observers intend to.*
5. *Conduct an annual field day and other activities to showcase the demonstration site results and encourage adoption of key practices by 150 attending producers.*
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| **Proposed method** *(a brief description of your methodology):* |
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| **Communication & extension strategies** * *How will you achieve knowledge and skill development & adoption of the results with the core producer group?*
* *How will you promote the outcomes to the wider producer community?*
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| **Monitoring, evaluation and reporting (MER) and Data Management** * *How will you measure success at the demonstration sites e.g. economic, social & environmental benefits? Please identify clearly the practices being demonstrated and the metrics being measured?*
* *How will you measure producer change (knowledge, skills and adoption)?*
* *How will you manage and maintain project data*
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| **Budget:** *Please provide the complete estimated budget for the project in the tables below.*  |
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| **BUDGET ITEM** | **TOTAL ($)** |
| **Fees\*** |  |
| **Operating Items (including Travel Costs)\*** |  |
| **SUB TOTAL PROJECT COST** | **A** |  |

**Funding Contributions***NB:* *Please refer to the PDS Guidelines and terms of reference for full details regarding funding contributions and access fees. The MDC co-funding access fee is currently 8% or 12% of the net value of the project, depending on the type of investment partner. Industry levy-payer partner projects incur an 8% fee for their co-funding access. Other partners pay 12%. Please refer to the guidelines for how to complete this section:*

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|  | **Funding percentage** | **Cash Contribution to the project****($ ex GST)**  | **Access Fee** | **TOTAL** **($ ex GST)** |
| **Partner**  | **30% of A above** |  | [ ] **8% /** [ ] **12% of the contribution**  |  |
| **MLA/MDC** | **20% of A above** |  | [ ] **8% /**[ ] **12% of the contribution** |  |
| **GRDC** | **50% of A above** |  |  |  |
| **TOTAL CASH CONTRIBUTIONS**  |  | **TOTAL ACCESS FEE** |  |
| **TOTAL CONTRACT VALUE *(TOTAL CONTRIBUTION + TOTAL ACCESS FEE)*** |  |

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| In-kind from supporting organisations |  |
| In-kind for producer time and resources |  |
| **TOTAL IN-KIND CONTRIBUTION:** |  |

*\*Please provide funds requested from MLA/GRDC only; do not include in-kind or sponsorship funds in these figures* |
| **Please insert any budget comments:** |

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