

Tasmanian Dairy Industry Authority

Strategic Plan July 2021—December 2023

About us

The Tasmanian Dairy Industry Authority (TDIA) is the independent statutory authority responsible for regulating Tasmania's dairy industry to ensure the safety of consumers, and the protection of our reputation for having high quality dairy products that open markets across Australia and the world.

The TDIA is fully industry funded, and operates as an independent body that is accountable to the Tasmanian Minister for Primary Industries. A Board of governance comprises members with skills and knowledge in either dairy farming, or processing and manufacturing dairy products, to equip the Board with practical approaches to policy and regulation.

Tasmania is the third largest dairying State in Australia, and TDIA licences over 30 factories, and more than 430 farms which are audited for compliance with food safety regulations (2018). TDIA officers also act as Authorised Officers for the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture and Water Resources, in auditing export registered factories.

The dairy food regulatory system in Australia is a preventative system underpinned by internationally recognised Codes and Standards. Federal agencies develop policy and standards, which are enforced at State level. The Food Standards Code, developed by Food Standards Australia New Zealand, together with the Export Control Act 1982, the Export Control (Prescribed Goods—General) Order 2005 and Export Control (Milk and Milk Products) Orders 2005 are the most important regulations for the Australian dairy industry.

The TDIA will continue to support the growth of the dairy industry and provide assurance to consumers across the globe that Tasmanian dairy products excel in quality and safety.

Strategic Plan

The TDIA recognises that the dairy industry in Tasmania maintains a steady growth, and this growth must be supported to ensure successful outcomes for business, consumers and the environment.

This plan focusses on the key areas of ensuring safety of products, sustainability of both TDIA and industry that includes minimising regulatory burden to licensees, and effectively supporting those who are either in the dairy industry, or who wish to enter the industry.



Vision

A sustainable Tasmanian dairy industry providing safe, high quality food for the world

Mission

To protect public health through independent regulation, facilitation and support of the Tasmanian dairy industry

Key Pillars

Safe

Ensure all dairy licensees comply with TDIA Licence Conditions (including export requirements where appropriate) for the period of the licence.

Respond to all dairy food safety incidents within 24 hours of notification.

Seek opportunities to participate and represent Tasmania and the Tasmanian dairy industry in the food regulatory system.

Update systems and processes within TDIA in response to changes in the dairy manufacturing industry.

Sustainable

Be financially stable and responsible, and ensure staff and Board have skills, competency and resources to perform safely, effectively, and comply with relevant legislation.

Be acknowledged as a fair, effective and independent regulator by all stakeholders.

Recognise and minimise regulatory overlap, without compromising public health or market access.

Protect and uphold the integrity and reputation of the Tasmanian brand with respect to dairy.

Ensure all licensed farms comply with *Farm Dairy Premises Effluent Management Code of Practice* by end of plan period.

Supportive

Raise awareness of the responsibilities of dairy industry participants, including safe food production, sound environmental stewardship, best practice animal husbandry, and the support offered by TDIA.

Ensure licensees and potential new entrants understand the necessary skills and knowledge required to comply with legislation.

Promote and encourage a positive food safety culture, with a focus on continuous improvement.

We will

Monitoring and Reporting

This strategic plan is supported by operational plans to achieve the stated objectives, with indicators to measure success.

The plan will be reported against annually to determine performance, and results will be included in TDIA's annual report.

