

2027 PTN Sowing Program: Expression of Interest Submission Document Outline

Outline of the listed requirements for applicants preparing a response to the Pasture Trials Network 2027 sowing program EOI.

This guide helps you prepare and structure your submission for the 2027 PTN sowing program EOI. Please review the submission requirements below:

- Submit the response as an Adobe PDF.
- Submit the EOI response on company letterhead.
- Lodge the response through the [PTN submission portal](#).
- Submit by Friday, 6 November 2026 at 05:00 PM AEST.
- Ensure all requests for information or clarification are made by Friday, 6 November 2026 at 05:00 PM AEST.
- Direct enquiries to PTN via letstalk@pasturetrials.com.au.
- Ensure offers remain open for acceptance by PTN for one week after the closing date.

The structure of the submission is to be outlined below:

1. Applicant details

- Provide the applicant organisation's legal name and contact details.
- Include a company brief of approximately 300 words.
- Identify the primary contact for PTN enquiries and contract discussions.

2. Eligibility criteria

a. Organisational requirements

- Confirm the applicant is a single legal entity or recognised firm of partners.
- Confirm professional indemnity insurance with an excess of \$2 million.
- Confirm compliance with the Workplace Gender Equality Act 2012 by the applicant and any subcontractors.
- Confirm the applicant and subcontractors do not have unresolved judicial decisions relating to employee entitlements.
- Confirm the applicant and subcontractors are not listed on the DFAT Consolidated List.
- Confirm procedures are in place to identify, assess and address Modern Slavery risks in operations and supply chains.

b. Technical capability

- Provide evidence of ownership or guaranteed access to specialist pasture trial equipment.
- Address access to plot seeders, forage harvest equipment, plot sprayers, drying ovens, scales and fertiliser application equipment.
- Demonstrate experience planning and conducting rigorous pasture variety trials to protocol.
- Outline the team's expertise in establishing and managing pasture trials to set standards.

- Confirm ability to comply with PTN program standards and trial management protocols.
- Confirm ability to complete data requests through the PTN portal within contractual timelines.

C. Technical capacity

- Describe available staff, equipment and resources to deliver the proposed forage trials.
- Outline roles and responsibilities within the project team.
- Demonstrate a record of good scientific data recording processes.
- Confirm sound skills in Microsoft 365, including completion of PTN-supplied raw data sheets.

d. Communication requirements

- Demonstrate ability to collaborate with external parties such as the PTN Executive Officer, PTN Operations Manager and Technical Working Group representatives.
- Identify opportunities to promote PTN activities and demonstrate value to the red meat and dairy sectors.
- Confirm willingness to participate in PTN-approved extension activities such as field days.
- Commit to attending monthly online trial co-operator meetings.
- Commit to active participation in PTN trial network communication channels.
- Provide photo updates to stakeholders on trial progress.

e. Risk management requirements

- Describe internal systems for managing risks and ensuring compliance with PTN expectations.
- Declare any actual or perceived conflicts of interest.
- Outline site selection and preparation processes designed to support successful emergence and ongoing trial maintenance.
- Identify access to irrigation or other infrastructure that can help reduce seasonal risk.
- Demonstrate established work health and safety systems for trial delivery.

3. Trial proposal

- List proposed trial locations, including state, municipality or region and closest town.
- Nominate the species proposed for each location.
- Sites and trials not specified by the PTN will be considered.
- Identify any alternative locations within the same designated agro-climatic region.
- Specify whether each site is dryland, high rainfall or irrigated.
- Apply only for species and locations that can be delivered with a high level of confidence.
- Note whether nominated species are proposed for yield-focused trials, grazing tolerance trials, or both where applicable.
- Note that not all species are sown annually and that final contracting will depend on PTN approval and investor participation.
- Note that late or non-compliant data submissions may attract contractual penalties.
- For grazing tolerance trials, confirm availability of stock-handling facilities and consideration of animal ethics requirements.
- For spring 2027 sowing, provide a sowing plan outlining site preparation and timelines from autumn through to sowing.