



**Paul Roderick**

**BOARD NOMINATED CANDIDATE  
– MILK PRODUCER SKILLS**

**Bio**

Paul Roderick has operated his family dairy farm at Harrisville, South East Queensland for the last 27 years.

Paul has been involved in all facets of dairy off-farm with roles in advocacy, research, development and extension. He is currently Chair of Subtropical Dairy, Dairy Australia's Regional Development Program, had a role in setting up the Young Dairy Network (YDN) Queensland as the young farmer delegate on the Inaugural Strategic Steering Committee, then progressing to Chair for two years. He was a Director on Premium Milk Ltd (negotiating group with Lactalis) for 11 years and is a member of the Australian Dairy Conference Board.

He is an active member of both the local and dairy communities which include roles in the Fassifern Rugby League Football Club for over 25 years (current President), Hayes Oval Inc President, the local ANZAC Committee, and a current Queensland Dairyfarmers' Organisation District Councillor.

**Candidate Statement**

As a co-owner of a dairy farm, I know there are many challenges for our businesses to grow, invest and be profitable. Dairy Australia, through our levy investment is a key partner in all our businesses and like our businesses, it needs to continually review, innovate and be world class if our industry is to be competitive, domestically or internationally.

Integrating key innovations has kept our farm in business today. We continually analyse what is a good investment and what is not, and manage risk. While it is Dairy Australia's charter to push the boundaries of science, it is now more important than ever that we integrate onto our farms, the innovation and knowledge that has been tailored to meet the needs of the many diverse regions and farm systems across the Australian dairy industry.

As a younger farmer, I will focus on the pathways for new entrants and investors, and models to build a dairy career.

While the Australian Dairy Plan will provide a strong strategic platform for many initiatives going forward, new collaboration is a great opportunity. We need to use this new synergy to drive improved market access and conditions, and further partnering with other Research Development Corporations.

My obligation to this directorship is to build greater trust and transparency of Dairy Australia and to return improved value to the Australian dairy farm sector that truly reflects its contribution that it makes today.