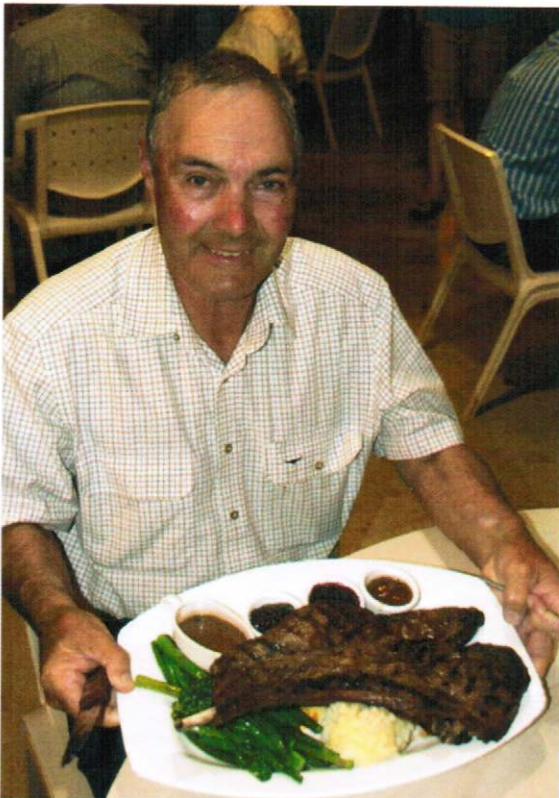




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CCA hits pause button on restructure model

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Newly elected CCA president Andrew Ogilvie

Cattle Council of Australia has decided to postpone the release of its own plan for peak council restructure, in the face of a number of alternate models coming forward in the past four weeks.

Tuesday's CCA Longreach meeting session covering structural reform was described by some stakeholders as including some 'vigorous debate' on the topic, and there were suggestions of an old north/south divide emerging on direction.

Newly elected CCA president Andrew Ogilvie was of the view that it was more circumstance that opinions went north and south, rather than a straight regional demarcation.

Through a task-force, CCA has been working behind the scenes on a restructure model, based on a reduction from 21 members back to 14, and a pro-rata reduction based on cattle population. Task forces would focus on different subject areas, tapping into non-board skills where required.

"While CCA had more or less agreed to its preferred model, some members felt that because there has been a number of independent proposals for structure and funding put forward over the past three weeks, it

would now be premature to go forward with this model without further consideration," Mr Ogilvie said.

"The opinion that prevailed was that CCA should leave its own structural model where it is at the moment – almost completed – instead of tabling it at Thursday's MLA annual meeting and forum."

"It was pointed out that we had an opportunity to look further at some of the different proposals coming forward. We might not necessarily adopt their features into CCA's preferred model, but they should be at least examined, particularly in areas like direct election. It would have been premature to float our own model, when with a little fine-tuning based on other proposals, it could be even better," Mr Ogilvie said

He said it was CCA's hope to have something 'pretty substantial' in terms of a model for industry to consider in place within three months, but six months might be a more realistic target.