



CATTLE COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA

SUBMISSION

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Mr Ross Carter
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Dear Mr Carter

Re: Livestock export permits and health certificates

Cattle Council of Australia (CCA) is the peak industry organisation representing Australia's grass-fed cattle producers. Established in 1979, CCA brings together all state-based farming organisations representing cattle producers in their jurisdiction, associate member organisations with close connections to the cattle industry, and individual cattle producers.

CCA welcomes the opportunity to provide comment to the Inspector-General of Live Exports review into Livestock export permits and health certificates. We provide this submission without prejudice to any additional submission from our members or individual producers.

CCA supports the Australian Livestock Exporters' Council's (ALEC) submissions to this process. In addition to the specific, technical feedback on livestock export permits and health certificates and their operation provided by the ALEC submissions, CCA makes the following general comments.

In 2019, Australia exported 1.3 million cattle to 20 countries, mostly in South-East Asia, at a value of A\$1.2 billion¹. It is therefore vital that the Australian live export industry has an efficient regulatory framework that does not unnecessarily inhibit its future competitiveness, rather it is one that enhances efficiency.

As such, the department's regulatory requirements and processes for issuing livestock export permits and health certificates, requires widespread recognition and an acute understanding that any delays in process and procedure from the department, has immediate and potentially serious commercial implications for exporters, which in turn are passed down the supply chain.

Any delays in issuing livestock export permits and health certificates also have the potential for unintended animal welfare consequences that, apart from industry's moral obligation to ensuring animal welfare, potentially impact profitability across all parts of the supply chain.

CCA looks forward to further consultation with the Inspector General of Live Animal Exports on this important process. If there are any queries about this submission, please do not hesitate to contact our office on 1300 653 038 or email cca@cattlecouncil.com.au.

Yours sincerely

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¹ State of the industry Report 2020. Meat and Livestock Australia