



AUSTRALIAN SENATE

STANDING COMMITTEE ON RURAL AFFAIRS AND TRANSPORT

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Inquiry into Animal Welfare Standards in Australia's Live Export Markets

Public Hearing – Darwin – Thursday, 4 August 2011

The Senate Rural Affairs and Transport Committee will hold a public hearing in Darwin on Thursday, 4 August 2011 as part of its inquiry into Animal Welfare Standards in Australia's Live Export Markets.

The hearing is being held in the Darwin Convention Centre, Stokes Hill Road, Darwin, commencing at 8:00 am and will be chaired by Senator Bill Heffernan.

The committee has invited the following witnesses to give evidence at the public hearing:

Time	Witness	Sub No.
8.00 am	Australian Livestock Exporters' Council Mr Lach MacKinnon, Chief Executive Officer Mr Peter Kane, Chairman	404
8.40 am	Northern Territory Cattlemen's Association Mr Luke Bowen, Executive Director	
9.20 am	Meat and Livestock Australia Mr Scott Hansen, Managing Director	315
10.00 am	Australian Agricultural Company Limited Mr Troy Setter, Chief Operating Officer	
10.40 am	Road Trains Australia Mr Brooke Hartley Fawcett Livestock Haulage Mr Jed Fawcett Outback Helicopter Airwork Mr Paul Blore	
11.20 am	Inverway Station Mr Patrick Underwood Riveren Station Mr John Underwood, AM	270 & 271
12.00 pm	Lunch Break	

12.30 pm	Northern Territory Government The Hon. Paul Henderson, MLA, Chief Minister The Hon. Kon Vatskalis, MLA, Minister for Resources Mr Ian Prince, Director, Economics and Policy, Department of Business and Employment Mr Rod Gobbey, Executive Director, Primary Industries, Department of Resources	
1.10 pm	Cattle Council of Australia Mr Greg Brown, President Mr David Inall, Chief Executive Officer	
1.50 pm	<i>Adjournment of Hearing</i>	

Members of the public are welcome to attend the hearing. People who are unable to attend can follow the proceedings using the live audio feed available on the Parliament of Australia website:
<http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/>.

A Hansard transcript of the hearing will also be made and will be available on the committee website in due course.

Further information about the committee's inquiry is available on the committee's website at www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/rat_cttee/mdb/index.htm or by telephoning the committee secretariat on (02) 62773511. The committee is still accepting submissions to this inquiry. Submissions can be lodged online at the committee website, emailed to rat.sen@aph.gov.au or posted to:

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