



AUSTRALIAN SENATE

STANDING COMMITTEE ON RURAL AFFAIRS AND TRANSPORT

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MEDIA RELEASE

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

Public Hearings: Broome – Thursday, 1 September 2011

Katherine – Friday, 2 September 2011

As part of its Inquiry into Animal Welfare Standards in Australia's Live Export Markets, the Senate Rural Affairs and Transport Committee will hold public hearings in Broome (1 September) and Katherine (2 September).

Broome

The hearing in Broome is being held the Mangrove Resort Hotel, 47 Carnarvon Street, Broome. It will commence at 8.00 am and conclude at 4.00 pm.

Katherine

The hearing in Katherine is being held in the YMCA on the Stuart Highway. The hearing will commence at 8.00 am and conclude at 12.15 pm.

Both hearings will be chaired by Senator the Hon. Bill Heffernan.

Please see the hearing programs below for details regarding witnesses appearing at the hearings.

**The Mangrove Resort Hotel – 47 Carnarvon Street
Broome**

Time	Witness	Sub No.
8.00 am	Wellard Shipping Mr Meerwald	306
8.30 am	The Hon. Terry Redman, MLA, WA Minister for Agriculture and Food	368
9.15 am	Landmark, Broome Mr Andrew Stewart	
9.45 am	<i>Morning Tea Break</i>	
10.00 am	Pastoralists and Graziers Association of WA Mr Rob Gillam, President Ms Ruth Webb-Smith, Vice President	194
10.30 am	WA Beef Council	299
11.00 am	Indigenous Land Corporation Mr David Galvin, General Manager Mr Garry Cook, Director, Business Operations	303

11.45 pm	Road Trains of Australia , Broome Fitzroy Helicopters Broome Chamber of Commerce	
12. 30 pm	Lunch Break	
1.15 pm	Shire of Derby/West Kimberley Ms Elsia Archer, President	
1.45 pm	<u>West Kimberley Producers</u> Mr Jack Burton , Kilty Station, Broome, Mr Damien and Ms Kirsty Forshaw , Nita Downs Station, Broome Mr David Stoa Mr Phillip Hams , GoGo Station, Fitzroy Crossing Mr Kurt Elezovich , Country Downs Station, Broome	401 340
2.30 pm	<u>Pilbara Producers</u> Mr Robin Mills , Warrsawagine Cattle Co Mr Michael Percy Mr Michael Thompson Mr Murray Grey , Glenflorrie Station, West Pilbara	
3.15 pm	<u>Central Kimberley Producers</u> Keith Anderson , Mr Peter Camp , Kalyeeda Station, Derby Ms Lyn Craig , Mr Kevin Brockhurst Mr Haydn Sale , Yougawalla Station, Halls Creek Ms Cait Westlake , Mount House Station, Derby/Gibb River Mr Nathan Webb-Smith , Yakka Munga Station, Derby	
4.00 pm	Adjournment	

**YMCA – Stuart Highway
Katherine**

Time	Witness	Sub No.
8.00 am	Ms Jo-Anne Bloomfield Hodgson River Station	226
8.30 am	Ms Val Dyer Hayfield Station	425
9.00 am	Mr Markus Rathsmann , Mount Ringwood Station Manager, Gulin Gulin Buffalo Company Mr Gehan Jayawardna	407
9.30 am	Mr John Armstrong Gilnockie Station	344 344a
10.00 am	Morning Tea Break	
10.15 am	Bridgestone Tyres Mr Rod Downes Top Saddlery Mr Jeff and Mrs Julie Newton IOR Energy – Katherine Depot Mr John Fraser	
11.00 am	Hart Agriculture Mr Stefan Hart Northern Feed and Cubes Mr Steve and Ms Cyndi Bakalian	

	Katherine Veterinary Centre Dr Peter Trembath	
11.45	Northern Territory Agricultural Association Mr Fergal O'Gara, Principal Project Officer	356
12.15 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 http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/rat_ctte/live_exports_2011/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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