

## **Opening statement: Troy Setter, Chair, Australian Livestock Export Corporation (LiveCorp)**

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Thank you, Chair, for allowing me to make an opening statement.

It's been a massive year for live export, particularly to Indonesia. It highlights the role Australia plays in supplying red meat, milk and fibre, and bolstering food security.

In 2025, Indonesia imported nearly 600,000 livestock from Australia – up nine per cent year-on-year and making up 51% of Australia's total live exports.

In 2025, some noticeable markets came back on line, including Mexico, with just over 20,000 cattle, and Turkey.

We had a successful conference in Perth in November, with over 300 participants from across the supply chain, including international speakers, Ministers from both sides, sponsors and delegates. We'd like to thank Minister Collins for providing a video address, given it was a sitting week.

The latest community sentiment survey that was conducted in late 2025 showed the Australian public's acceptance of the industry has grown substantially since the first survey in 2019. There was a dramatic decrease in the number of participants concerned about conditions on live export ships, and there was increased recognition that Australia's animal welfare standards improve conditions in overseas markets – over 60% agreed.

We've been working hard with both the Australian and Indonesian Government, importers, and exporters from Australia to help Indonesia with vaccination programs for foot and mouth disease and lumpy skin disease.

We are happy to answer any questions.