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Dr Simon Lott
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(By Email)

Dear Simon

Re: MLA Research on Feedlot Waste Management v Live Export Holding Yards

In response to your recent enquiry, I can confirm that, at this time, Meat & Livestock Australia has not undertaken any R&D into the environmental management of live cattle export facilities operating in northern Australia.

The climatic conditions of northern Australia necessitate specific management requirements for livestock facilities, particularly during the wet season. Further to this, live export facilities differ from feedlots in a number of respects. The most significant differences centre on animal diet, stocking densities and rates of stock turnover.

The lack of research in this area means that there is an important knowledge gap given the soon to be completed Wellard Group Live Export Facility in Darwin.

I advise that Livecorp and MLA would welcome applications for appropriate R&D projects on environmental and operational issues facing live export facilities in the Northern Territory.

Given the lead in time to review applications, obtain approvals and develop research agreements, any potential project application should be submitted as soon as possible to ensure any approved work can commence early in the new financial year.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Regards



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