

Moss review implementation

The Inspector-General of Live Animal Exports (IGLAE) is undertaking a review to examine the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment's (the department) progress and implementation of the 31 recommendations of the independent *Review of Regulatory Capability and Culture of the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources in the Regulation of Live Animal Exports* (Moss Review). The review was to ensure:

- a strong regulatory practice
- a transparent and well-engaged regulator
- a regulator with the necessary skills and systems
- animal welfare is integral to its regulatory approach.

On April 9 2018 the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources announced a review of the department's regulatory capability and culture. The announcement was made following video footage of dead, dying and suffering sheep on voyages to the Middle East on the MV Awassi Express in 2017. On April 19 2018, Mr Philip Moss AM was engaged by the Minister as the independent external reviewer.

On 27 September 2018 a report was published with 31 recommendations to improve the department's regulatory capability and culture. The department supported or supported in principle all 31 recommendations of the Moss Review.

In October 2019, the department published an implementation progress report. The report described progress made against all recommendations indicating that 15 were completed, 11 were in progress and 5 were ongoing.

Scope

The scope of this review covers the department's progress and implementation activities of the Moss Review recommendations, and may consider:

- the department's response to each recommendation
- subsequent actions against each recommendation
- key deliverables since the release of the Moss Review
- progress of implementation of recommendations.

Out of scope

This review will not examine:

- industry's implementation of the Moss Review recommendations
- other independent reviews of the livestock export industry
- livestock exported by air
- Exporter Supply Chain Assurance System (ESCAS) and Livestock Global Assurance Program (LGAP)
- monitoring and reporting on livestock export vessel voyages (covered in a separate IGLAE review)
- the approved arrangements framework (covered in a separate IGLAE review)
- livestock export permit systems and processes (covered in a separate IGLAE review)
- independent observers
- Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA).

Preparing your submission

Prior to making a submission it is recommended that you consider the scope of the review above; submissions that address topics outside of the scope may not be considered further.

When making a submission, the inclusion of specific examples or data, where possible, will assist the Inspector-General. Submissions are not required to meet a defined format or length but you should include a summary of your key comments if the submission is greater than three pages.

Contact

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