



COVID-19 has had a major impact on the work of the Inspector-General during the reporting period. The Inspector-General relies heavily on discussions with a wide range of stakeholders, and on observations made while undertaking site visits. While some site visits and face to face discussions were able to be undertaken during the year the inability to undertake face to face and on-ground consultation and observation has no doubt reduced the richness of input to reviews.

In November 2021, the Inspector-General published the report on the review into the '[Livestock export permits systems and processes](#)'. The review found that the department has made important progress in several areas and has a range of further relevant projects in-train. However, this review found a range of concerns that should be addressed to ensure the progression of the department to a modern, effective and efficient regulator of livestock exports. The review report made 7 recommendations that the department supported or supported in principle.

While conducting this review, the Inspector-General conducted 16 specific stakeholder meetings to understand the issues, in addition to on-going conversations with a wide range of stakeholders. Stakeholders included government agencies, livestock exporters, peak body groups, animal welfare organisations, veterinarians and others who were interested in livestock exports. The review received 2 submissions from various stakeholders.

In November 2021, the Inspector-General commenced a review to examine the effectiveness and efficiency of the department's requirements, management and decision-making processes for livestock export licences and livestock export approved arrangements.

During the year the Inspector-General provided regulatory practice perspectives to the Department's Livestock Export Roundtable project meetings and Livestock Industry Consultative meetings. The Inspector-General also met regularly with the department's Principle Regulatory Officer to provide perspectives on improved regulatory practice.

For more information see [Work program](#) on the Inspector-General of Live Animal Exports website.