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Mr Ross Carter
Department of Agriculture and Water Resources
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Dear Mr Carter,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input into the *2019 Implementation Progress Update* of the Review of the regulatory capability of the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources in the regulation of live animal exports.

The Australian Livestock Export Corporation (LiveCorp) is the research and development corporation (RDC) for the Australian livestock export industry. It is a not-for-profit industry body funded through levies on the export of beef cattle, sheep and goats from Australia, and a voluntary levy collected on live dairy cattle exports.

LiveCorp does not engage in agri-political activities. The responsibility for policy and advocacy lies with the Australian Livestock Exporter's Council (ALEC). This demarcation is important as it reinforces LiveCorp's focus on service delivery within the Australian livestock export industry. As such, LiveCorp's role is to market Australian livestock overseas and invest in RD&E to enhance the productivity, sustainability and competitiveness of the livestock export industry. A key aspect of this is to provide support to exporters in the implementation of new and existing regulation to meet their regulatory requirements. Details on the activities and objectives of LiveCorp are available in its Strategic Plan and Annual Report available on its website, www.livecorp.com.au.

As you are aware, it is an extremely busy period with the Ministerial Regulatory Working Group, the implementation of version 3 of the Australian Standards for the Export of Livestock (ASEL) and several reviews, including the commencement and short-timeframes for the department's review of *Bos Taurus* exports.

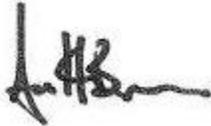
LiveCorp has always committed to ensuring that it provides the various government reviews with the technical advice and research insights to support the best possible outcomes. However, because of limitations in our capacity to prepare a written submission and after consideration of the scope we believe that our contribution is best provided through a meeting. This would allow us to verbally brief you on projects that we believe may be relevant, such as the following, and to explore any questions or areas of interest to you:

- Development and assistance in the implementation of new animal welfare indicators for the live export supply chain
- Data standardisation and collection systems for ASEL 3 (LIVEXCollect)

- LiveCorp Accredited Stockpeople and our collaboration on communication and information sharing with the department during COVID-19
- Development of ASEL 3.0 training for LiveCorp accredited stockpeople
- Updating of the ASEL mobile application for version 3.0
- Delivery of a Community Studies project looking at community attitudes

Thank you again for the invitation to contribute to your review and I hope that we may have the opportunity to meet and discuss relevant issues in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Brown', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sam Brown

Chief Executive Officer

Australian Livestock Export Corporation Limited (LiveCorp)