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Mr Ross Carter
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By email: iglae@awe.gov.au

Dear Mr Carter,

Re: Livestock Export Licences and Livestock Export Approved Arrangements Review

The National Farmers' Federation (NFF) writes to you today in support of the Australian Livestock Exporters' Council (ALEC) submission into the review of the Livestock Export Licences and Livestock Export Approved Arrangements.

The NFF was established in 1979 as the national peak body representing farmers and the agriculture sector more broadly across Australia. The NFF's membership comprises all of Australia's major agricultural commodities across the breadth and the length of the supply chain, including live export. Operating under a federated structure, individual farmers join their respective state farm organisation and/or national commodity council. These organisations form the NFF.

The NFF supports the statements made in ALEC's submission and recognises the current challenging commercial conditions that the live export industry face. Currently, the industry is experiencing low export volumes due to high prices, along with increased regulatory costs.

The intent of Approved Arrangements was to move to a more simplified livestock export certification process that reduced government intervention in individual export consignments while maintaining the integrity of the trade and reducing costs. The previous Approved Arrangement framework achieved this.

The NFF supports ALECs position to return to Approved Arrangements as they originally operated given the efficiency the framework delivers to both exporter and regulator. We encourage you to consider and support the points raised in the ALEC submission.

Yours sincerely,

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Chief Executive Officer