

# NORTHERN TERRITORY CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION INC.

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### “Live Cattle Exports key to Regional development”

The peak primary industry lobby group in the Northern Territory – The Northern Territory Cattlemen's Association Inc welcomes the commitment of the NT Government to the continuation of the livestock export trade to Asia.

Northern Territory Cattlemen's Association (NTCA) Executive Director Mr. Stuart Kenny today reiterated the significance of the trade to the Northern Territory economy.

Mr. Kenny said 'Our members produce 450,000 high quality cattle per year, of which 240,000 head are delivered directly to the Port of Darwin for export to the Asia Pacific Region.

'The NT live cattle export industry generates over \$160 million directly and over \$500 million indirectly into the NT economy. The pastoral industry is in the top 3 economic drivers in the Northern Territory. said Mr. Kenny

The NT live cattle export industry should be congratulated on the success of the animal health management techniques and sound animal welfare practises.

NTCA who represent over 90% of the Northern Territory cattle herd reinforced the importance of the industry to the regional areas.

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