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“Major Fire Concerns for Alice Spring Pastoralists”

Northern Territory Cattlemen's Association President Mr. John Armstrong today reiterated the concerns of pastoralists in the Alice Springs.

'The exceptional 1999 – 2000 – 2001 seasons produced a abundance of pasture growth, fuelling the potential for a difficult fire season over the coming months.' said Mr. Armstrong

With the uncertain rainfall over the last 2 years, wild fires continue to worry central Australian Pastoralist. 'Uncontrolled (Hot burning) fires cause long-term pasture damage, that take many years to recover.' said Mr. Armstrong.

'The Alice Springs region produces over 70,000 quality cattle each year. The Pastoral industry in Central Australian generate over \$35 million dollars directly into the local economy and a further 5 fold indirectly into the economy.' said Mr. Armstrong

'The Northern Territory Cattlemen's Association applauds the Bushfires Council NT, the NT Police and the CLC for their initiative in promoting awareness of the long-term economic damages that fires creates to this industry.' said Mr. Armstrong

"We welcome the awareness campaign and look forward to working with the Bushfires Council NT, CLC and the Police to protect this critical Central Australian industry.'

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