



NORTHERN TERRITORY CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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TERRITORY CATTLE INDUSTRY BEEFS UP

The Northern Territory Cattlemen's Association (NTCA) has thrown its support behind the proposed new Livingstone Valley cattle processing facility south of Noonamah and sees it as a great opportunity for northern cattle producers to diversify their market.

NTCA President Rohan Sullivan said the proposed facility is very complementary to the existing live export markets and broadens industry options.

"It will be good for our industry, good for the NT and good for northern Australia," said Mr Sullivan.

"There's been a great deal of planning go into the facility and the proposed site is well located to optimize access to labour, transport, utilities, shipping and air freight as well as local service industries. Our own investigations show that there will be minimal or no intrusion on the immediate area, by way of noise, light, dust or odour.

"Modern technology and know-how have taken processing into a new era. The facility will employ the latest food processing technology, science and environmental management, and will provide employment for over 270 people, along with other contractors, suppliers and specialists.

"This is good for the Territory and the NTCA strongly supports the Livingstone facility and its proposed location."

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'Advancing and protecting the interests of the cattle producers in the Northern Territory'

Background information:

The Northern Territory Cattlemen's Association is the peak primary industry group in the Northern Territory representing over 90% of the Territory's cattle herd. With over 220 pastoral leases, our industry manages a landmass in excess of 620,000 square kilometres and a herd of over 2 million head. Annual turnoff is around 600,000 head to live-export and domestic markets.

The pastoral industry is the Northern Territory's third largest GDP earner, accounting for more than 50% of primary production in the NT and generating over \$400 million in direct income. In 2010, over 300,000 cattle were exported live through the Port of Darwin. Live cattle exports are of critical importance to the northern pastoral industry and the northern Territory economy as a whole.

The industry directly provides in excess of 1800 jobs, mainly in rural areas of the Northern Territory. By area, employment and economic contribution the pastoral industry is the dominant industry in land management in the NT, with a predominant focus on long-term sustainable production. Over 85% of all NTCA members are active participants in Conservation, Environmental and Landcare groups throughout the Northern Territory and the Association encourages members to join their local groups.

NTCA members include all of the country's largest beef producers including the Australian Agricultural Company (AACo), Consolidated Pastoral Company (CPC), S Kidman & Co, Heytesbury Beef, North Australian Pastoral Company (NAPCO), Georgina Pastoral Company, The Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC) and Paraway. These companies operations extend beyond the Northern Territory to cover vast tracts of northern, eastern and western Australia.