



NORTHERN TERRITORY CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION INC.

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

Member - National Farmers' Federation & Cattle Council of Australia

Scientific Inquiry into Hydraulic Fracturing

The release of the expert panel and terms of reference for the NT Government's hydraulic fracturing inquiry has been welcomed by the Northern Territory Cattlemen's Association (NTCA).

"The Northern Territory government appears to have listened to community concerns and is taking this inquiry seriously said Tracey Hayes, CEO of the NTCA. "By appointing a high caliber, multidisciplinary group of specialists with a comprehensive terms of reference, we hope this inquiry will cut through to the issues that really matter for the future of our industry and future generations of Territorians, said Ms Hayes.

The NTCA does not support industries or activities which in any way threaten the integrity and future of our people, land, water, livestock, environment or markets. This is not negotiable and many of the questions and uncertainty our industry is experiencing in relation to fracking must be dealt with, said Ms Hayes.

Everyone has been very focused on fracking said Ms Hayes, however fracking is but one process in a much wider set of issues and challenges in relation to oil, gas and resource exploration on our land. The challenges to our industry start from the moment permits are issued to an exploration company in a government office in Darwin to managing the legacy of resource companies long after they have gone and this is why we called for a much wider scope to be included in the terms of reference, said Ms Hayes.

It is now critical that Territorians ensure that no stone is left unturned in driving the work of the expert panel to find the answers we need, said Ms Hayes.

The NTCA has committed to work with its members to see a comprehensive and full inquiry. This includes a landholder and industry study which the NTCA is developing to gain a good understanding of the full range of issues before us so that these can be brought to the table.

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NTCA Background

The Northern Territory Cattlemen's Association (NTCA) is the peak body for the NT cattle industry, providing leadership at the Territory, national and international level on industry, trade, resource management, and economic and social policy. Representing over 90% of the Territory industry the NTCA maintains a unique position as Australia's most representative producer body and single conduit for engagement.

The NTCA has been a leader in driving positive change while also defending the position and integrity of the cattle sector, its producers and connected supply chains operating into domestic and international markets.

NTCA's membership ranges from small family and indigenous operations, to large corporate organisations. The NTCA exists to advance and protect the interests of Northern Territory cattle producers.

Our Northern Territory members are environmental stewards responsible for a landmass in excess of 680,000 square kilometres (45% of the NT landmass), producing 600,000 high quality cattle per year and providing policy leadership across the primary industry sector including pastoral land conservation, market development and trade, regional development, Indigenous employment and international engagement.

The pastoral industry is the Northern Territory's third largest GDP earner, equating to more than 80% of primary production in the NT. With an investment of \$4.5 billion in the NT, our industry generates over \$1billion directly into the Northern Territory's economy.

The industry directly provides in excess of 1800 jobs and has contributed to the growth of the Territory for over 150 years. It continues to increase in size, productivity and efficiency.

NT producers supply cattle to all mainland states and produce quality animals suited for the live export trade to South East Asia, including, on average up to 400,000 head exported to Indonesia and Vietnam annually.