



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

Live Trade to Indonesia – Federal Court of Australia Proceedings NS01102/2014

The Commonwealth ordered by Court to rectify Joe Ludwig's failure to adequately provide documents essential to the case.

Justice Rares of Federal Court in Sydney this morning made an order that Joe Ludwig and the Commonwealth must provide ministerial documents relating to his decision to ban live exports in June 2011. This came after an 18 month fight to obtain the materials.

The documents are central to the Industry's claim for compensation where affected pastoralists and families have lost an estimated \$600 million.

'Some time ago the Commonwealth promised to behave like a Model Litigant', said Ms Hayes, the CEO of the NTCA.

'It is astounding that we have had to fight so hard to get this material, for Joe Ludwig to have to be ordered to provide it.'

These documents will assist the NTCA, who is strongly supported by the Australian Farmers' Fighting Fund, to run the case listed for July this year.

'We are grateful for the financial support of Australian Farmers' Fighting Fund have given - they recognised the national significance of this issue immediately and have backed us ever since.'

Hearing - July 2017

The NTCA now looks forward to the main hearing in July. Although we expected to sit down and negotiate this matter, to date the Commonwealth has not been interested.

We look forward to Joe Ludwig attending the trial in July to answer the issues before him. He owes that to all of those affected. Although the industry is doing well you can't shut up shop for 2 years and not still be hurting financially today. Some farmers had to sell their properties as a result of this ban – a ban seemingly timed to create the most financial damage to our industry.

We still hold some hope that the Commonwealth will sit down and discuss this claim with us. If not we will continue to pursue it with as much vigour as we have in the past.

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