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Territory Cattle Board for Vietnam

Minister for Primary Industry Kon Vatskalis today announced that a shipment of over a thousand cattle will leave Darwin bound for Vietnam tomorrow.

"This shipment represents an important first step in a market that could grow significantly over time with support from government and industry," Mr Vatskalis said.

"The NT Government has representatives on the ground in Vietnam already and they will be there during the unloading of the first shipment to provide technical advice on feedlot management and animal husbandry."

Mr Vatskalis said the representatives from his Department have viewed the abattoir in Hai Phong, and have reported that the facility and associated infrastructure is of high standard, with Australian style stunning equipment.

“Expanding our export industries is a priority of the NT Government,” Mr Vatskalis said.

“The pastoral industry and associated flow on effects is vital to the Territory’s economy, and the Government is committed to assisting the industry to prosper and grow.”

Mr Vatskalis said Government and industry organisations are working collaboratively to maintain the Territory’s existing markets and develop new livestock trade opportunities overseas.

“The NT Government continues to actively seek out alternate markets, and the export of the cattle this week is a significant step in diversifying our export trade.”

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