ENHANCED TRADE SUPPORT SCHEME FOR THE LIVE CATTLE EXPORT INDUSTRY

Minister for Asian Relations and Trade Rob Knight today announced a further step in supporting live cattle export industry by providing practical support to help get the industry back on its feet with enhanced measures to the Trade Support Scheme (TSS).

Mr Knight said the recent blanket ban on live cattle exports to Indonesia imposed by the Federal Government is having major impact on the cattle industry and the business that support the industry.

“These enhancements are in response to the Northern Territory Cattlemen’s Association (NTCA) and the Northern Territory Livestock Exporters Association (NTLEA) requests for financial assistance from the Department of Chief Minister’s TSS program.”

“Under the enhancements the NTCA and NTLEA will be able to access up to $60,000 to assist with expenses incurred on trips to Indonesia and other developing markets to help get the live export industry back on its feet,” Mr Knight said.

Financial assistance from the scheme is to assist them to continue to educate, promote and market live cattle exports from the Northern Territory to Indonesia (when the ban is lifted) and other international markets.

“NTCA and NTLEA will also be able to claim back up to 80% for International and domestic flights and accommodation from the TSS Program.”

“Live cattle exports are an important contributor to export earnings for the Northern Territory.”

“This blanket ban on live exports to Indonesia is already having a negative effect on Territory families and businesses and it is vital all Australians understand this first-hand.”

“Irrespective of how soon trade resumes, the majority of Northern Territory businesses directly or indirectly involved are likely to be impacted in some way.”

“My Department of Business and Employment offers several programs including: business diagnostic, business planning, cash flow management and attracting business finance,” Mr Knight said.

Businesses that wish to receive further information on these programs should contact: Ms Renee Yuen, Business Support, Department of Business and Employment
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