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**MILLS TO VISIT INDONESIA**

Terry Mills MLA

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Opposition Leader, Terry Mills, will fly to Indonesia tomorrow to meet with Government officials and business leaders to discuss the impact of the Federal Government’s ban on live cattle exports to the country.

“The ban threatens to devastate the Northern Territory economy and the livelihoods of hundreds of businesses across the Territory,” Mr Mills said.

This matter requires urgent action, a decision needs to be made in days not months.

“The cattle industry is crying out for leadership and the urgency of this situation cannot be underestimated.

There are at least 25 abattoirs in Indonesia that can slaughter cattle using humane practices and it is important to recognise and support good practice in order to drive change.

Instead of a blanket ban, the Commonwealth should continue trade with abattoirs where animals are killed humanely.

“The Territory Government must lobby their Commonwealth counterparts to limit the scope of the ban to allow trade with abattoirs that follow acceptable practices.

“During my visit I will meet with representatives from the Indonesian Feedlot Association, the head of Santori, a massive feedlot and abattoir operator near Jakarta and representatives from Australian operated meatworks.

“I will return to Darwin on Tuesday morning.”

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