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LIVE CATTLE LEGACY REMAINS

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“The legacy of Labor’s ill-conceived and appallingly managed ban on live cattle exports to Indonesia continues to shadow Territory cattle producers,” says Deputy Opposition Leader, Kezia Purick.

“The virtual halving of the Indonesian live cattle quota is a sure sign there is still plenty of ill-feeling in Indonesia about the Federal Government’s blanket ban.

“The ban painted Australia as an unreliable business partner and forced Indonesian officials to look elsewhere for their food security.

“It is deeply troubling for Territory beef producers and exporters that Indonesia is committed to being self-sufficient in terms of beef supply by 2014.

“The question those involved in the industry in the Territory are asking is ‘where will it all end’?

“The Prime Minister missed an opportunity two weeks ago to sack bumbling Agriculture Minister, Joe Ludwig.

“He – and the compliant Northern Territory Labor Government – got us into this mess, and it’s locals involved either directly or indirectly in the industry who are being made to pay.”

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