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Develop new markets and strengthen animal welfare

Shadow Minister for Primary Industry, Fisheries and Resources Kon Vatskalis says he is pleased more cattle are being exported to Vietnam as a follow up to the first successful shipment of cattle to the country under the previous Labor Government last year.

Mr Vatskalis today welcomed the CLP celebrating Labor achievements in opening up the live cattle trade market in Vietnam and reminded them of the importance of working constructively with the Vietnamese Government to strengthen animal husbandry and welfare.

“A thousand cattle were exported to Vietnam last year and the Labor Government ensured representatives from the Department of Resources were on the ground in Vietnam during the unloading of the first shipment,” Mr Vatskalis said.

“Department representatives had also travelled to Vietnam prior to exportation to ensure the Hai Phong abattoir met Australian standards.

“Departmental staff continued to provide technical advice on feedlot management and animal husbandry as part of the Labor Government’s commitment to open new markets for live cattle export from the Northern Territory.

“It is imperative that the CLP maintain the high level of standard and care adopted by the previous government to ensure safety standards and animal welfare standards continue to be met.”

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