Ken Vowles
Minister for Primary Industry and Resources

Expression of Interest for Berrimah Export Yards Upgrades

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Minister for Primary Industries and Resources Ken Vowles today said the NT Government is delivering on its election commitment to see the Berrimah Export Yards (BEY) increase its capacity and be able to process cattle all year round.

An Expression of Interest (EOI) for civil works including earth works, pavements and drainage was advertised on Saturday 27 May.

This is the first step in this major $4.1 million facilities redevelopment, and will enable year round processing to increase capacity in this vital NT industry.

Mr Vowles said cattle production is the largest primary industry sector in the Territory, contributing $750 million annually to the Territory’s economy, with the NT’s live export industry one of our strongest economic drivers.

“To the end of April this year, there have been 38 shipments totalling 91,000 head of cattle out of the Territory.

“Redeveloping the BEY to a modern facility will ensure that the Northern Territory Live Export Association is able to continue to grow the Livestock Export Industry and showcasing best practice standards in Australian live export supply chains, particularly related to the tropics.

“We came to Government promising to create jobs by providing opportunities for local manufacturers and contractors and this upgrade to the Berrimah Export Yards will do that in both the short and long term,” Mr Volwes said.

- The $4.1M for upgrading the BEY will include:
  - Survey, engineering and application fees;
  - Excavation and fill areas to provide hard stand flooring and adequate drainage and ensure site preparations for construction;
  - Construct two roof only sheds over the yards to mitigate concerns around mud in the wet season and provide shade,
- Construct new yards and associated feed and water troughs under each of the two roofed areas to hold 4000 head; and
- Carry out landscaping for privacy and protection along Wishart and Berrimah Roads

Stuart Kemp, Chief Executive Officer from the Northern Territory Livestock Exporters Association says he is glad to see the project, which has been many years in the planning start to come to life.

“This ongoing support from the Northern Territory government will help keep the Northern Australian live cattle export trade at the forefront of world’s best practice in export animal management,” he said.

It is anticipated that construction works will be completed by 31 December 2017.

An expression of interest for the structural works contract is expected to be issued in June.

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