

Attachment I

JOINT GOVERNMENT/INDUSTRY WORKING GROUP (JGIWG)

Origin

It was agreed at the 3 October 2002 Independent Reference Group (IRG) meeting that a Joint Government/Industry Working Group be established to develop an Action Plan for the Livestock Export Industry (APLEI) by 18 October 2002 that provides a comprehensive framework for delivery of a sustainable live animal export industry into the future that meets the expectations of the community and livestock producers on animal welfare outcomes.

Terms of Reference

1. To prepare a paper in the light of the recommendations made in the February 2000 IRG Report, key issues identified at the 3 October 2002 IRG meeting and recent shipments of sheep and cattle involving high mortalities.
2. To identify necessary short, medium and long-term actions to assign responsibilities and timelines to improve health and other welfare outcomes for livestock involved in the trade by taking into account the critical factors needed to improve the trade.

Membership

AFFA Deputy Secretary (Chair)
Three AQIS nominees
Two ALEC nominees
One Livecorp nominee
One AMSA nominee

Method of operation

The JGIWG will meet for three or four consecutive days in Canberra during the week commencing 14 October 2002 and complete a report by 18 October for review at an IRG meeting scheduled for 21 October 2002.

Chair

Secretary/contact

TO BE ARRANGED BY AQIS