



Cabinet Economic Development Committee


Minute of Decision

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Livestock Export Review: Approval to Release a Public Discussion Paper

Portfolio Agriculture

On 6 November 2019, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV):

- 1 **noted** that in August 2019, DEV directed the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) to lead a review of the livestock export trade to improve the welfare of livestock being exported and enhance New Zealand's reputation [DEV-19-MIN-0212];
- 2 **noted** that MPI has identified four options to strengthen the livestock export system: a total ban on livestock export; a conditional ban on livestock export; new regulations to enhance the export system; and continuous improvement;
- 3 **noted** that MPI has also identified initiatives that will strengthen the livestock export system for immediate implementation;
- 4 International obligations

- 5 **noted** that the Minister of Agriculture (the Minister) considers that the continued export of large consignments of livestock may be a risk to New Zealand's brand, and that action is required to successfully manage any unnecessary risks to New Zealand's reputation as a responsible exporter;
- 6 **agreed** to the release of the public discussion paper *Livestock Export Review*, attached to the submission under DEV-19-SUB-0293;
- 7 **noted** the intention that public consultation will start in November 2019 and finish in January 2020;
- 8 **agreed** that the Minister may approve any minor or technical amendments to the discussion paper before consultation starts;
- 9 **agreed** that the Minister will issue a media statement announcing immediate improvements to the livestock export approval system, and inviting submissions on the public discussion paper;

10 **noted** that the Minister anticipates reporting to DEV with final policy proposals during March 2020.

Jack Petterson
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon Kelvin Davis
Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)
Hon Dr Megan Woods
Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Hon Stuart Nash
Hon Iain Lees-Galloway
Hon Jenny Salesa
Hon Shane Jones
Hon Kris Faafoi
Hon Willie Jackson
Hon James Shaw
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