

Media release

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CCA WILL WORK WITH LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY

A meeting convened by the State Government today at our request was constructive and has resulted in a better understanding of the facts surrounding Roberts Livestock's decision to close the Quoiba saleyards later this year.

We thank the Government and Roberts Livestock for their role in the meeting and we appreciate that the decision to close the saleyards is based on a number of factors, including a trend towards other methods of sale, as well as challenges with the Quoiba site.

That being said, many farmers will still be effected and ideas that have been put forward around alternative ownership structures as well as ways to make any transition from Quoiba to Powranna easier for farmers, must be fully explored.

CCA is willing to play a facilitation role in any industry-led discussions and solutions.

"While many farmers won't be effected because they sell their livestock through other channels, some farmers and others will be effected and are still concerned" said CEO, Daryl Connelly.

"A farmer told me this week, that it will cost him around \$27 per head to send cattle to Powranna compared to the \$11 per head that he currently pays to send them to Quoiba. Furthermore, livestock carriers with multiple loads will have to deliver the first load to Powranna the day before the sale, which may lead to penned, stressed animals and could impact meat quality" said Mr Connelly.

CCA also understands that many cattle purchased at Powranna will need to be transported back to Stowport in the Cradle Coast region for processing, only to be distributed to customers in Hobart and other destinations, adding to the cost of meat from our region.

"We will reach out to farmers, processors, livestock agents and transport operators to explore options for working together" said Mr Connelly.

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