

Media release

2 July 2020

CCA HOSTS MEETING ON QUOIBA SALEYARDS CLOSURE

Today, Cradle Coast Authority hosted a meeting to discuss the impacts of the Quoiba saleyards closure. A larger forum scheduled to occur earlier this year had to be cancelled due to COVID-19.

Today's meeting was attended by representatives of Nutrien Ag Solutions, the TFGA and Spreyton Butchery, as well as Leonie Hiscutt MLC and Kentish Councillor and farmer, Phillip Richards.

A key outcome of the meeting was a decision to hold a wider forum to explore the establishment of a livestock holding yards and resting facility in the region. This kind of facility would allow small loads of livestock to be consolidated for transport to Powranna and other destinations, including the mainland. It would also provide a location for imported livestock to be quarantined and inspected in the event of a biosecurity emergency.

"Today's discussion was really positive and solutions focussed. We're talking about a site of around 90 acres in size, where livestock could be held, fed and watered, involving a combination of pens and small paddocks" said CEO Daryl Connelly.

The forum will be convened in the coming weeks. In the meantime, CCA is keen to hear from any landowner who has a suitable site and is interested in being part of the discussion.

Media contact:

Daryl Connelly
Chief Executive Officer
Cradle Coast Authority
0488 333 893
dconnelly@cradlecoast.com

CCA is jointly owned by the nine Councils of western and north-western Tasmania, to help them achieve regional outcomes and maintain strong local government, by working together.

