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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Aust Animal welfare standards & Guidelines, suggestions & recommendations
From: Public consultation version 21.2.2013.

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“CATTLE MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO DIE FROM LACK OF FEED OR WATER”

This is an unrealistic and may not be achievable, especially in the vast rangeland areas.

G2.12 It is not practical for calves removed from cows to have access to water at all times during transport.

S5.2: This should be a GUIDELINE, not a standard –

G5.19 Insect worry should be managednot always possible, eg stable fly as a result of Use of chicken manure in horticulture, biosolids in broadacre farming.

S6.2 “a person in charge must use **pain relief** when castrating cattle, PAIN RELIEF not available to the producer, a standard makes it a legal requirement & producer can be charged for not complying, as its still not accessible legally.
SHOULD BE CHANGED TO GUIDELINE.
This also applies to dehorning.

S6.3 Bardizzo – use should not be restricted in age – unless have evidence of pain level.

S6.5 Use of caustic chemicals for *disbudding* too cruel, animal welfare issue, Knife better. Calves too young to be taken off dams for 12 hour period.

S6.7 “A person spaying a **cow** must be a veterinarian, or, if permitted in the jurisdiction Be a accredited or be under the **direct supervision** of a veterinarian, or person who Is accredited. During training to obtain accreditation only.
VETERINARIANS also need to be accredited, dropped ovaries spaying is a Skilled technique practice.

G6.2: *add after pain relief, if an when appropriate method available.*

G7.3 not possible in extensive pastoral areas, hence not relevant, only relevant to Managed/controlled properties.

G7.4. *supervising cows & heifers close to calving, where possible, and early

Intervention if required**Does not seem relevant in extensive areas*
- *which comprises a big portion of Australian herds.*

G7.12 Bull serving ability tests – BLOCKEY TESTS SHOULD BE BANNED
This is a serious animal welfare issue.

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