

## **FAQs related to the Public Consultation of the Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Cattle**

### **How do I make a submission on a consultation document?**

The on-line survey contains questions of interest to the process as a guide for your submission. The survey format does not need to be used and additional matters can be raised. The survey can be found on the cattle welfare public consultation page.

Please include the following information in your submission:

- Your name and title, contact address, telephone number
- Your organisation, if applicable.

Please note that your submission will be treated as public information. All submissions will be screened and those containing socially unacceptable language will not be considered. The on-line survey is confidential and participants will be asked for permission before any statements are attributed to them in any detailed report.

### **What ideas/comments are being sought?**

We are seeking views from interested parties about how well:

- The draft cattle welfare standards would protect the welfare of cattle, and
- The associated Consultation RIS demonstrates the need for the standards, and identifies the key costs and benefits for industry, government and the wider community.

The submission may include ideas on how to improve these documents.

### **Will submissions received after the closing date of 5 pm Monday 6 May be considered?**

Submissions received after the closing date may be held on file for consideration when the cattle welfare standards are next revised or reviewed.

### **How long are the consultation documents available to comment on?**

The documents are made available for consultation for 60 days, after which they will be revised in the light of submissions made during that time. Once finalised they will be re-posted on the Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines - Cattle website.

### **What happens to my submission?**

All major issues will be collated in a 'Review of Submissions' document. The document will be available on this website as soon as possible after the deadline for submissions. A summary of submissions, including the results of the on-line survey will be included in the Decision RIS.

### **Will my submission remain confidential?**

No – please note that your submission is public information and may be displayed on this website. Any submissions which include commercially sensitive information should be clearly identified it as such to ensure it can be handled securely and not released to the public.

The on-line survey is confidential unless you give permission to quote your statements in a report.

**What about other sectors?**

Please note that Animal Health Australia is not seeking public views on the live export trade, saleyards, abattoirs or the transport of livestock in this consultation process as they are covered by separate animal welfare arrangements.