

## Frequently asked questions

### What was consulted on?

The Department of Agriculture and AHA sought views from interested parties about how well:

- the [Draft Land Transport Standards \(public cons version Feb 08\)](#) make the necessary specifications for protecting the welfare of livestock while being transported on land; and
- the associated [Regulatory Impact Statement \(RIS\) March 2008](#) demonstrates the need for the Land Transport Standards and identifies its costs and benefits.

The public consultation phase sought views from a range of people interested in the **land transport** of livestock, including those people directly or indirectly affected by the implementation of the Land Transport Standards and/or who had not yet had the opportunity to comment on the Land Transport Standards or the RIS.

### How submissions were processed?

All submissions (in survey and written form) were considered public documents and were considered by Animal Health Australia and the Standards Reference Group (SRG). Considering the consultation responses, AHA and the SRG were particularly interested in how satisfied stakeholders and the public were that the Draft Land Transport Standards adequately specify requirements for the safe transport of livestock on land and that the RIS adequately identified the costs and benefits of the Land Transport Standards and demonstrated the need for the Standards.

Assessment of feedback from the consultation process considered:

- the extent to which suggestions strengthen the intent and objectives of the Standards
- the volume and variety of responses making similar suggestions (i.e. not just a form letter based on a campaign)
- the anticipated adverse impacts from submitted suggestions; and
- the viability of implementing any suggested change.

The Land Transport Standards Reference Group (SRG) then recommended particular changes to the Land Transport Standards and/or the RIS to the Animal Welfare Working Group (AWWG). In turn, the AWWG then passed on its recommendations to those Ministerial Committees responsible for approving animal welfare regulations.

- [Flow chart detailing the decision-making process](#)
- [Summary of the consultation response results](#)
- [Public Consultation Response Action Plan](#)
- [Land Transport Decision RIS](#)
- [Model Consultation Framework Evaluation Report Part 1 Aug 08](#)
- [Model Consultation Framework Part 2 – September 2008](#)