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Response to the Public Consultation Process

The Northern Pastoral Company Group is an informal group comprised of 11 of the major public and private companies engaged in beef cattle production, predominantly in northern Australia. The group members manage their breeding operations in the extensive areas, with more intensive operations of growing, fattening and downstream processing occurring towards the east coast and in live export.

In total, the group has approximately two million head of cattle under management, with each member having a long term objective of business sustainability and production incorporating high standards of welfare for their herds.

The drafting of the standards and guidelines has followed a process which recognises the principles of producing good results for cattle welfare, is feasible for industry to put into practice, can be implemented by government, and where possible, has a rigorous scientific basis.

Of the feasible alternatives listed, we support Option B, the proposed national standards as currently drafted.

In summary, the standards are practical, will achieve good outcomes for industry and for the welfare of cattle.

Yours sincerely

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