

## Frequently asked questions

### What was consulted on?

AHA sought views from interested parties about how well:

- The proposed standard amendment to SB4.5 [B4 Specific requirement for the land transport of cattle](#) for a maximum of 30 hours without a liquid feed from the time of the last feeding to the next feed or slaughter of the calf, contributes to the necessary specifications for protecting the welfare of calves while being transported.

It was proposed that the standard SB4.5 be amended by the addition of the following clause:

*“be slaughtered or fed within 30 hours from last feed.”*

- The associated RIS: [Bobby Calf ToF Consultation Draft RIS](#) demonstrates the need for the TOF bobby calf standard (to be brought into regulations) and identifies its costs and benefits.

The public consultation process sought views from people interested in the land transport of bobby calves, including those people directly or indirectly affected by the implementation of the Land Transport Standards and/or who have not yet had the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendment to the standards for the Land Transport of Livestock or the Bobby Calf TOF RIS. This consultation will contribute to the decision-making process.

The process included a range of formal and informal activities, including formation and operation of the AHA Bobby Calf Forum (Reference Group) which liaises with the Animal Welfare Committee (AWC). The Bobby Calf Forum is comprised of key stakeholders who have formal responsibility for bobby calf transport and/or who would be most directly affected by the bobby calf standard (representing the dairy industry, livestock transporters, saleyards, abattoirs and government agencies) and animal welfare organisations (RSPCA and Animals Australia). Representatives from these stakeholder groups have met several times to assist with drafting the TOF bobby calf standard. It is noted that the proposed standard is not supported by the animal welfare organisations mentioned above.

The Dairy Industry and the Australian Government commissioned an Australian study into the impact of 30 hours TOF. [Fisher report – a summary](#)

### How were submissions processed?

All submissions in written form were considered public documents. Submissions from organisations were posted on the website. Submissions from individuals were not listed unless judged to be sufficient by the working group.

All comments were considered by AHA and the Bobby Calf Working Group. Significantly different points of view were summarised in the final RIS and an appendix of submitters attached.

Assessment of submissions from the consultation process considered:

- the extent to which suggestions strengthen the intent and objectives of the Standards and are based on science
- the volume and variety of responses making similar suggestions

- the anticipated adverse impacts or unintended consequences from submitted suggestions; and
- the importance and viability of implementing any suggested change within the regulatory system.