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Sheep - Public Consultation Submission

The Livestock Contractors Association (LCA), a non for profit, member based group formally supports, in principle, the inception of the current version available for public consultation of the Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines – Sheep.

The LCA consists of members across Australia, who are predominately contractors in the sheep industry, the introduction of this document will enable there to be continuity of sheep welfare allowing for contractors to conduct their work practices inter-state without the need to ensure they are meeting that states protocols.

Members feel that the out comes from this document reflect best practise, practically the standards and guidelines referring to tail docking and castration. The mulesing standards and guidelines, almost reflect best practise; the standard S7.1 would be better read as - ***A person performing the mulesing operation must have completed a registered unit of competency in the procedure,*** this would then make it best practise. The LCA would however, support the mulesing standards and guidelines in their entirety as they currently presented in the document for public consultation.

With these procedures the most scrutinized by our industry and our international trade partners, it is imperative that they be to the highest degree of animal welfare, which is achievable to the producer, which we can implement.

We strongly recommend the move forward with this document, as soon as there is a consensus from the consultation and would like to thank Animal Health Australia for the commitment to a final document ensuring the Welfare of Sheep within Australia.

Yours sincerely

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