



Industry unites for live export direction

Queensland peak farm group AgForce says more than 200 northern beef producers are expected to unite in Mt Isa on Thursday 30 June to seek answers and direction on Indonesia live exports.

AgForce CEO Robert Walker said the AgForce live export forum has been relocated to the Mt Isa Civic Centre to accommodate the large numbers anticipated at the forum.

“AgForce will host Federal Minister for Agriculture Joe Ludwig, State Minister Tim Mulherin and Meat & Livestock Australia Chairman Don Heatley at the forum, which aims to provide industry and the wider community with information and answers after Minister Ludwig temporarily closed the Indonesian live export trade, following images of cattle being poorly treated on ABC’s Four Corners program,” Mr Walker said.

“Beef producers are gravely concerned, and they must have information and direction.”

Producers will also hear from other speakers including:

- State member for Mt Isa Betty Kiernan
- AgForce Cattle councillor and Cattle Council Australia board member Peter Hall
- Federal Member for Wide Bay, Leader of The Nationals Warren Truss
- AgForce Cattle policy director Andrew Simpson
- Live export peak bodies and other business representatives.

“AgForce does not condone cruelty to animals in any form, but we do support continuity in the live export trade to Indonesia.

“The suspension of exporting live cattle to Indonesia is already having devastating impacts on the Australian beef cattle industry so we have called on Minister Ludwig and other local, state and federal government and peak body council representatives to provide answers.”

The AgForce live export open forum will now be at the Mt Isa Civic Centre, 23 West Street Mount Isa on Thursday 30 June – 12.30pm registration and 1pm-4pm forum.

Tea, coffee and light refreshments on arrival. RSVPs essential for catering – email jacksont@agforceqld.org.au or hardakerj@agforceqld.org.au to book your place.

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