

Growth through
leadership, innovation
and resilience





Live trade at a glance

The Australian Livestock Exporters' Council (ALEC) is the peak industry body representing Australia's livestock export sector. ALEC is responsible for setting industry policy, providing strategic direction and representing its members at all levels.

\$2 billion

Total value of Australia's livestock export revenue

10,000

Number of jobs generated across regional Australia

11,000

Number of international supply chain participants trained in animal welfare

Building and protecting a social licence to operate

Australia's \$2 billion livestock export trade is a major source of employment in the national red meat sector, which is now the country's largest value-added manufacturing industry.

Australian livestock exporters are building and protecting the trade's social licence to operate so that the industry can grow, while continuing to improve animal welfare standards and outcomes. Importantly, this is allowing the industry to retain its position as the world leader in animal welfare practices and foster markets for Australian producers.

As the demand for quality live animals increases to help meet the world's food security needs, the industry's reputation around animal welfare remains crucial. Our standing as a reliable trading partner with unmatched supply chain expertise and access to well-bred, disease-free livestock is strengthened by the industry's commitment to accountability and transparency.

Good animal welfare is good business practice

Our commitment to the welfare of animals doesn't stop when Australian livestock leave our country or arrive in market. Under the Exporter Supply Chain Assurance System (ESCAS), livestock exporters' responsibilities exist through to the point of slaughter.

Australia is the only country of the 130 livestock exporting nations that makes any such commitment. Our goal is to unlock significant opportunities for further growth in new and existing markets, while improving profitability and productivity through international best-practice animal welfare management. This will generate further employment, encourage ongoing investment and drive ongoing economic development in regional Australia.



The Exporter Supply Chain Assurance System



The ESCAS regulatory framework is helping to uphold the world's best animal welfare, control and traceability standards.

The Exporter Supply Chain Assurance System (ESCAS) provides the framework for Australian livestock exporters to operate in a fully transparent and accountable manner, with Australian Government oversight over all Australian livestock export supply chains. Exporters are required to address any welfare, control or traceability issues detected in their supply chains by correcting existing processes or by ceasing supply to non-compliant facilities.

While the industry's social licence is at the core of ESCAS, it also represents a 21st century approach to ensuring the live trade can meet the protein demands of our trading partners, while providing a critical value-add to the national red meat sector and generating 10,000 jobs across Australia.

Delivering protein and animal welfare to the world

Our mission is to lead the development and growth of Australia's livestock exports trade through continuous improvements to the trade's business and market environments; promoting professional and welfare excellence throughout the supply chain; and securing our standing with the Australian public and our customers.



The Hon. Simon Crean
ALEC Independent
Chairman



Simon Westaway
ALEC CEO

Our export markets

Indonesia is the largest market for Australian live cattle taking over 50 per cent of cattle exported, or more than 500,000 head annually in recent years. A number of Australian companies have invested in the Indonesian supply chain, with significant interests in feedlots and abattoirs. One such example, Juang Jaya Abdi Alam, in Sumatra, consists of cattle importing, feeding and fattening, plus a number of breeding projects, generating flow-on employment to 12,000 Indonesians.

Kuwait represents Australia's longest standing and largest live sheep market, stretching back to 1960. Almost six decades of ensuing live sheep trade between Australian exporters and the Middle East has evolved into a market which now averages up to 2 million head per year and plays a substantial role in underpinning farmgate returns for sheep across the country.

Who we work with

ALEC members include Australian Government licenced livestock exporters by sea and air of feeder, slaughter and breeder sheep, cattle (beef and dairy), goats, buffalo and camels.

Our exporter members account for more than 96 per cent of Australia's annual livestock export trade. ALEC's associate members extend through the supply chain, including producers, registered operators, ship owners and other businesses involved in the live trade. Regional exporter associations from NT, WA, Queensland and southern Australia are also members of ALEC.

While membership of ALEC is not mandated, all relevant exporters and supply chain participants are encouraged to join.

ALEC is also a member of the National Farmers' Federation and has direct links with peak producer bodies like the Cattle Council of Australia and the Sheepmeat Council of Australia through our membership of the Red Meat Advisory Council.

Listening, acting, improving

Australia's livestock export industry is collaborating with our Australian and overseas partners to continually improve animal welfare practices and outcomes. As an industry, we are committed to learning from supply chain failures and using data, systems and tools to anticipate and avoid future welfare incidents.

Our growth and innovation priorities include:

- Investing in infrastructure upgrades, including livestock export vessels and in-market facilities overseas, to improve supply chain conditions and the management of Australian livestock
- Equipping stakeholders with the knowledge and skills to protect the welfare of animals and prevent cruelty
- Protecting and improving market access and demand for Australian livestock in an ethically responsible and sustainable manner.

For more information about ALEC or for up-to-date information on the livestock export industry, visit: auslivestockexport.com