



Pastoral Update

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LIVE EXPORT BAN

It is beyond the scope of "Newsfax" to summarise the on-going and rapidly changing situation with respect to the suspension.

However, the Chair of the Pastoral Committee and the Kimberley Div. were prominent in starting the whole of industry forum in Broome that has now travelled through Geraldton as far south as Katanning.

Media coverage in the major daily newspapers has been excellent and on going with many stories in the West, the Australian, and even the Australian Financial Review and the Melbourne Age. Radio coverage has included the ABC but also the influential 6PR talk shows.

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LAND TENURE

The Rangelands Tenure Options discussion paper was released for public comment at the PGA Kimberley Division meeting held just before Easter. The PGA was successful in getting an extension to the closing date for feedback due to the extra long Easter break.

A small sub-committee of the Pastoral Committee met several times to consider all options and advice from outside sources.

The PGA's response has been posted on the PGA web site.

MINING AND PASTORALISM

Following the decision to comment on the DMP's preliminary discussion paper on Policy Options for Mining Securities, the PGA was invited to submit further comment on the Preferred Option Paper for Mining Securities.

The object of commenting was to bring the damage that is sometimes caused to pastoral leases by mining activities to the attention of DMP.

The submission was reviewed with the help of the members of the mining and prospecting working group.

RENT REVIEW

The President and Chair of the Pastoral Committee met with the RDL Manager Land Services on the same day that Minister Ludwig announced the review of live export and suspension of live cattle exports to 11 Indonesian abattoirs.

It appears the government has accepted a rental system that is based on regional areas with ministerial discretion to set the rate in the \$ based on advice from industry and other experts, taking into consideration seasonal difficulties and market failures. The final plan is still subject to ministerial confidentiality

RENT RELIEF

After several queries to RDL, the department has confirmed that they will be allowing pastoralists to postpone their payment of pastoral lease rent. They are not offering rent relief until the full impacts of the ban on live cattle export to Indonesia are known

RANGELAND CONDITION MONITORING, aka, SELF-MONITORING

It appears that workshops associated with this have been postponed. However, the issue has not gone away.

To the consternation of many pastoralists, self-monitoring was referenced in the recent Rangelands Tenure Options discussion paper.

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Crisis counselling: 1800 199 088
Financial/business support: 1800 612 004

Support for rural families: 9690 2277
Young People Online Counselling: www.eheadspace.org.au
Centrelink, farm family income support: 13 23 16

MEETINGS & EVENTS:

PGA Live Export Industry Forum: Friday 1st July Katanning

PGA Pastoral: Wednesday 13th July Pastoral House

PGA Executive: Thursday 14th July 150 East Ascot Quays Belmont

PGA Goldfields Division 29th July (to be confirmed)

PGA Kimberley Cattleman's Dinner Fitzroy Lodge 18th Aug

PGA Fitzroy Bull Sale 19th Aug

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