



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **IMPROVING SAFETY FOR THE LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY REPORT RELEASED**

The Chair of Regional Development Australia Far North (RDAFN), Mark Sutton, and the Chair of the Outback Communities Authority (OCA), Cecilia Woolford, have jointly launched the Multispecies Livestock Transshipping Hub: Improving safety, efficiency and profitability in the Australian Livestock Industry report.

Ms Cecilia Woolford said that the purpose of the report is to investigate the potential for a multispecies livestock transshipping hub near Port Augusta and one was one of the four key economic projects identified in the oneOutback Prospectus launched by the OCA last year.

“This project has been a point of discussion for the pastoral sector for many years with the need to rest livestock being transported from and through the Outback region, a location near Port Augusta is a practical solution for such a facility.”

Mr Mark Sutton said that the report has outlined three main site options along the Stuart Highway, north of Port Augusta, “The evaluation of the proposed sites includes access to key support infrastructure, facility ownership and management models, governance and business structures and key costings. There is potential for the preferred site to incorporate other infrastructure including truck wash bays, service station, vet and quarantine facilities and more, which is dependent on the need from an industry perspective.”

“The report investigated the need and economic benefit for a livestock resting facility which took into account broad freight and logistics infrastructure demand and supply analysis. It also looked at similar facilities in other states and territories and how these operate taking into account ownership and add on infrastructure and support services.”

RDAFN and OCA will continue to work with key stakeholders to move the project forward and assist key lobby and industry groups to develop the project to support their needs.

The Multispecies Livestock Transshipping Hub: Improving safety, efficiency and profitability in the Australian Livestock Industry report is available to download from [www.rdafn.com.au/publications](http://www.rdafn.com.au/publications)

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