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Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment  
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By email: [animal.welfare@agriculture.com.au](mailto:animal.welfare@agriculture.com.au)

Dear Ms Sheridan,

**Re: NFF support for Australian Livestock Exporters Council submission into the Draft report - Heat and cold stress in Bos taurus cattle from southern Australia during long haul export by sea**

The National Farmers' Federation (NFF) writes to you in support of the Australian Livestock Exporters' Council (ALEC) submission to the Draft report - Heat and cold stress in Bos taurus cattle from southern Australia during long haul export by sea.

The NFF represents Australian agriculture on national and foreign policy issues, including workplace relations, trade and natural resource management. The NFF, broader agriculture industry, and the Australian Government have a target of growing Australian agriculture to \$100 billion by 2030 requires innovation, ambition and improved competitiveness.

The NFF supports the statements made in ALEC's submission, particularly around the importance of relying on the scientific and statistical assessment conducted by research and development corporations (RDC) such as LiveCorp. Additionally, clarifications that breeder and feeder cattle are lower risk and do not feature in any recommendations seeking to deliver additional regulatory burden is supported.

The NFF relies on our member organisations for technical policy analysis and strongly encourages the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment to consider and support the comments made by ALEC.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a supporting submission.

Yours sincerely,



**TONY MAHAR**  
Chief Executive Officer