



CATTLE COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA

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Cattle Council welcomes closer ties with Korea

The signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between Australia and the Republic of Korea is a positive move towards developing closer ties between our two countries.

“Korea is Australia’s third largest beef export market and is worth around A\$800 million per annum,” said Bill Bray, President of the Cattle Council of Australia.

“This MoU represents an opportunity for both countries to formalise contacts, establish a program of on-going co-operation and engage in more regular bilateral dialogue on matters relating to animal health and quarantine.

The MoU was signed this week in the presence of the Australian Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, the Hon. Tony Burke MP, and Korean Minister for Agriculture Chung Woon-chun in a signing ceremony in Seoul.

This commits both countries to a range of agreements including the sharing of information on animal health and quarantine principles and procedures, measures to reduce quarantine risks and other technical matters.

“Cattle Council’s clear charter is to improve the profitability of Australia’s beef cattle producers. Strong bilateral ties with all export markets are critically important for the continued sustainability of the industry; this agreement serves to further galvanise such ties,” Mr Bray added.

“Cattle Council looks forward to ongoing and regular engagement with the Government as this important agreement is mobilised,” Mr Bray concluded.

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