



CATTLE COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA

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Deputy Director resigns

Cattle Council of Australia has today regretfully accepted the resignation of Deputy Director Mr Michael Hartmann. Mr Hartmann has held the position for 5 ½ years and his resignation comes as he recovers from an ongoing serious, and as yet unidentified, illness that he and his medical advisers believe he contracted during a visit on Cattle Council business to Asian markets in 2005.

Following a three month absence from work, Mr Hartmann and Cattle Council have agreed that Michael's resignation be accepted in order to enable him to focus all of his efforts on recovering from his illness.

Executive Director Mr David Inall said "We are disappointed to lose Michael under these circumstances. He has made a positive contribution to our team over the past 5 ½ years."

Mr Hartmann commenced with Cattle Council in 2000. Over the period his primary responsibilities have included the important areas of Animal Health and Welfare, Quarantine, Quality Assurance, Genetics, and the coordination of Cattle Council's Federal Government lobbying activities. He was a key player in a number of important Cattle Council achievements including:

- The review of Rural Veterinary services
- Q Fever vaccination programs for primary producers
- Assistance packages for producers affected by Bovine Johne's Disease
- Federal funding for the National Livestock Identification System
- The establishment of the Invasive Animals Cooperative Research Centre

"Michael has applied himself toward the achievement of Cattle Council's mission - 'the continued sustainability of Australia's beef cattle producers'. The number one priority is his health and we wish him the best for a speedy recovery", Mr Inall concluded.

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