



# CATTLE COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA

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## **Will more bureaucracy lead to improved outcomes?**

The Federal Minister for Agriculture, Joel Fitzgibbon, announced the establishment of an Inspector General of Animal Welfare and Live Animal Exports in his opening of the Australian Animal Welfare Strategy National Workshop today.

Cattle Council of Australia President, Andrew Ogilvie, said “Cattle Council is committed to ensuring ongoing improvements in animal welfare outcomes and increasing market access for livestock and boxed beef exports.

“Cattle Council is unsure of the necessity of the position of the Inspector General of Animal Welfare and Live Animal Exports given that there are numerous proven safeguards currently in place, but will continue to work with government to ensure continuing improvement in Animal welfare both domestically and overseas.

“Cattle Council will be watching the development of this legislation very closely and will be holding the Minister to his commitment that the new role would not create additional red-tape or regulatory burden for farmers or the broader industry” Mr Ogilvie said.

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