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Dear Members of the Simpler Regulation Unit

Thank you for the invite from the Premier to make input on removing outdated legislation.

Very recently the Productivity Commission in its draft report on "Regulation of Australian Agriculture" has confirmed that primary producers are under a heavy burden of red tape. Livestock SA requests that the Simpler Regulation Unit consider the many recommendations made by the Productivity Commission that reflect on State legislation.

While Livestock SA is still considering these draft recommendations, we are pleased with the intent of those dealing with land use, environmental regulations and transport.

Fortunately in relation to transport, through the South Australian 90-day transport project a number of key initiatives have already been achieved out of this project including the approval of higher mass load vehicles to access Viterra sites across South Australia, the use of quad road train combinations between Port Augusta and the Northern Territory border, the introduction of tri-axle dollies for use in road train combinations, removing the minimum limit from the system of common registration date for multiple farm vehicles, and more recently allowing night movement of oversize and overmass agricultural machinery.

Though our membership of PPSA (Primary Producers SA), Livestock SA is involved in the "Agriculture and NRM: working together" project. However there is still a need for much more to be achieved particularly in relation to management of native vegetation.

As Livestock SA represents sheep, beef cattle and goats producers, this covers South Australia's pastoral region. Pastoralists are very restricted by the State's *Pastoral Land Management and Conservation Act 1989* and there is a need for this Act to be urgently reviewed.



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A review of this Act needs to have as its main emphasis consideration on the tenure and security for pastoralists. Currently there is a decrease in productivity due to uncertainty of lease renewals with the current three year process from assessment to lease renewal offer not being realistic, paddock condition reporting is largely obsolete after three years and with changes in seasonal conditions, and the excessively long turnover time in reporting process is highly inefficient and not cost effective.

Having this Act under the Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation also does not allow the pastoral region to realise its full economic potential to assist the State's economy. Consideration needs to be given to this Act being more appropriately placed with the Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries. This would, for example, allow for the better management of feral animals so that full economic advantage could be made from these, such as if areas were allowed to be fenced off to enable the holding of feral animals until there were sufficient numbers available to truck to the relevant markets.

Yours faithfully

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