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RE: Local kill abattoir for Kangaroo Island.

Livestock SA would like to congratulate the South Australian State Government (through PIRSA) for providing leadership in the determination of the potential opportunities for local processing facilities on Kangaroo Island (KI). This has been a perennial problem, which has proven difficult to solve, throughout the history of agricultural production on KI.

Local livestock producers are at a distinct disadvantage to the mainland, given the time and cost associated with freighting livestock via ferry to the mainland. In addition to this is the potential loss, in meat quality and stock condition, due to a sea crossing.

While different viable options are being presented in either a small scale or multi-species service kill facility, either options will offer commercial viability and profitability for the local producer. Processing and branding could potentially evolve into a larger enterprise guided by market demand. Resulting in a boost for the local tourism industry, who want to sell local KI branded products.

Livestock SA would like to give their full support to the SA government in contributing funds towards a feasibility study to investigate the 'ideal processing capacity' for the situation. This project could be administered through the KI Commissioners office, which has the ideal structure for assisting with whole of Island, multi-producer benefit, project coordination, to boost returns and address the inequalities that exist between mainland and Island.

Yours sincerely,

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Chairperson