



ALPA SUBMISSION

Livestock Disease Control Regulations 2017 Amendments

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Australian Livestock & Property Agents Association (ALPA)

ALPA is the national peak industry body for livestock and property agents.

ALPA represents more than 1,200 agency businesses across Australia. Collectively this group plays an important role in livestock, wool, merchandise and rural property sales and marketing.

ALPA members handle in excess of 97% of rural agency business Australia wide.

ALPA is one of the largest national organisations of small rural business men and women, relied on to protect the interests of agents and producers nationally.

ALPA membership includes Elders, Landmark, Ruralco and private livestock agencies across Australia.

ALPA appreciates the opportunity to provide this submission.

ALPA General Introduction

ALPA has made this submission in response to Charles Milne's email "Amendments to the Livestock Disease Control Regulations 2017.

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ALPA Comments

ALPA would like to make comment on two items in the "Livestock Disease Control Regulations 2017 Amendments"

Non-Functioning National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) tags

The regulations refer it is the producer's responsibility to dispatch correctly identified livestock with functioning electronic devices, **ALPA** understands that non reading NLIS tags continue to make their way into the supply chain.

While we support the importance of lifetime traceability we are concerned with the newly introduced sheep electronic tags regulations that any non-functioning tags be replaced with new tags and both these tags be linked prior to being sold.

In most cases, this will put an increased burden on livestock agents to identify non-readers, reapply a new tag and then to link these two tags.

At present, the scanning action level in saleyards sits at 80% with this level to be increased over time. As the action level increases so will the burden placed on livestock agents particularly in the peak spring selling season.

We urge for Agriculture Victoria to work with livestock agents to ensure that the system is compliant, but yet commercially effective.

Publication of PICs in livestock sale advertisements

We understand the department is concerned that there has been an increase in livestock traded outside the traditional livestock trading channels and would like to introduce PIC's to be published in livestock sale advertisements when vendors sell livestock without an agent.

ALPA Members advertise livestock on behalf of their vendor clients in many different mediums: print media, TV, social media, on their own websites, via third party providers etc.

ALPA does not agree with the amendment of advertising PIC numbers for private sales where an agent is involved. Livestock details and PIC information is documented and recorded by livestock agents and can be supplied or audited if required.

We agree for non-agent sales, PIC information should be advertised, and we encourage continuing education for smaller hobby type producers to ensure our robust traceability system does not come into question.

ALPA encourages Agriculture Victoria to continue to communicate to the broader Victorian livestock community to ensure that all parties are aware of their obligations under the National Livestock Identification System.

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