



ALPA Submission

Review of MLA Is it fit to load? Guide.

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ALPA General Introduction

The Australian Livestock & Property Agents Association Ltd (**ALPA**) submission is in response to the letter from Michael Crowley of 8th May 2018 about the review of the is it fit to load?

We understand the review will be:

- an internal working group to consider written submissions from key industry stakeholders.
- closing date of submissions is 15 June 2018

In the letter from Michael it states that it is more than five years since the guide was developed and it is timely to review the content.

As a matter of history, the guide was first printed in April 2006, it was then revised and reprinted in April 2012

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

ALPA appreciates the opportunity to provide this submission to MLA.



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ALPA membership is a signature of professionalism in the industry

ALPA Comments

ALPA believes that the review is timely and we appreciate the opportunity to participate in the review process.

We are very happy to be part of this project as we have been in the past. These are our initial thoughts for the working group and happy to expand further.

1. The format of the guide is very good in its current hardcopy form and should not change. The guide needs new photos and some parts need rewording and a new fresh facelift. It should also explain why Animal Welfare Is Paramount to the future of the livestock industry. It should say a bit about POCTA (what ever the national one is) rather than starting with land transport rules. This fit to load guide is mainly for the producer who send problem animals to saleyards and processors.
2. The logos on the front cover need updating and possibly more added.
3. Inside cover names needs updating and ALMA added.
4. Version date needs updating.
5. Page 1. Add in the web page for The Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines—Land Transport of Livestock.
<http://www.animalwelfarestandards.net.au/files/2015/12/Land-transport-of-livestock-Standards-and-Guidelines-Version-1.-1-21-September-2012.pdf>
6. Page 1. Add the new The Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines – Livestock at Saleyards and Depots.
<http://www.animalwelfarestandards.net.au/files/2016/03/Standards-and-Guidelines-Livestock-at-Saleyards-and-Depots-2018.pdf>
7. Page 2. 2nd dot point should say on all four legs.
8. Page 3. Probably should mention something about prosecution in first paragraph for the loader or owner. Dot point steps, should add curfew for trip.
9. Page 5. Is this still current?
10. Pages 7, 9, 11. On the bottom of these pages it should have in bold, "if in doubt leave it out" as it is on page 2.
11. Page13. Check the currency of the links, Add the new The Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines – Livestock at Saleyards and Depots. Check accuracy of Dept names and numbers. Add in link to AHA.
12. Back cover should have a positive statement about animal welfare.

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