## **Australian Livestock & Property Agents Association Ltd**

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# ALPA SUBMISSION

# Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (POCTA) Regulations

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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

The Australian Livestock & Property Agents Association Ltd (**ALPA**) submission is in response to Animal Welfare Victoria's proposed revisions to the Cruelty to Animals (POCTA) Regulations 2008 that are due to sunset in December 2019.

#### **ALPA COMMENTS**

#### Part 2, Division 1, Regulations 6-12

ALPA supports and endorses the introduction of the maximum time off water as set out in the Australian Animal Welfare Standards for Land Transport of Livestock. These standards were developed by industry with scientific backing and agreed upon by all states.

ALPA also supports and endorses that livestock should not be transported unless animals can bear weight on all limbs.

We would like to see reference to the MLA Fit to Load Guide which is endorsed by Agriculture Victoria and the livestock peak industry bodies.

ALPA agree with introducing requirements for sheep fleece not to be overgrown by more than twice the annual growth.

ALPA would like clarification on 6(4) - A person must not place an animal onto a metal tray of a motor vehicle or trailer when outside temperatures are at or above 28 degrees Celsius without a layer of insulating material protecting the animal from contact with the metal tray.

#### Part 2, Division 1, Regulation 8(2)

ALPA supports mulesing of sheep when using a registered pain relief product from the APVMA with this introduction to be phased in after 12 months.



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