



Local Land Services Policy

Livestock Transport Incidents

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POLICY STATEMENT

1. The purpose of this policy is to identify the response of Local Land Services (LLS) in the event of a livestock transport incident and to identify the roles and responsibilities of LLS when attending livestock transport incidents

CONTEXT

- The Police are the incident controllers and have a range of options to choose from when sourcing assistance for livestock handling and destruction.
- In the event the police request assistance from LLS, LLS will make every effort to respond. In the event LLS cannot respond, the Police as the incident controllers have other options to source assistance for livestock handling and destruction.
- This policy looks at the context of when LLS is requested to attend

SCOPE

1. Livestock transport incidents are a multi agency coordinated response. This policy only sets the roles and responsibilities of LLS staff when attending livestock transport incidents. However, it is recognised LLS will not be working independently during the response.
2. This policy is complimentary to the NSW DPI policy on Livestock Transport Incidents which sets out the multi agency response.
3. This policy will identify the circumstances when LLS staff will attend and what staff will attend. Circumstances may prevent LLS from attending certain transport incidents. LLS will make efforts to attend, and if unable to attend, the Police, as the incident controllers will be required to source assistance for livestock handling and destruction from another source.

4. Where the term '*response*' is used, it is in the context of LLS responsibility of assessment and destruction and does not refer to the broader incident response. Response actions of LLS staff include –
 - Handling / Movement of livestock that are within crate, or that are free, so they can be assessed.
 - Assessing livestock
 - Destruction of livestock
 - Holding of livestock that have been freed from truck and assessed as not requiring euthanasia

POLICY

1. In the event of a livestock transport incident, LLS will attend where possible, when called upon by the Police as the incident controllers, for the purpose of livestock destruction and handling.
2. A first response team will be developed at the most appropriate local office to contribute an appropriate number of trained staff to the incident.
3. Where possible, an LLS Veterinarian from the region where the incident is located will attend the scene.
4. All LLS staff attending livestock transport incidents will have been inducted into the relevant LLS procedures and policies
5. The *MBES/delegated employee* will be in charge of the response including the allocation of resources.
6. An *LLS officer in charge* will be identified by the MBES/delegated officer and will be in charge of livestock handling and destruction at the scene (The police are in charge of the site response)
7. A follow up debrief is to be held within 2 weeks of the incident
8. A follow up report is to be produced by the LLS officer in charge at the scene and submitted to the MBES after the incident

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- a) *Owner of stock/truck driver*
 - The owner of the animals and/or the truck driver is primarily responsible for the management decisions of the animals, if present and capable at the site.
- b) *Manager Biosecurity Emergency Services (MBES)/or delegated employee*
 - Is the first LLS point of contact for the emergency services
 - Has the responsibility of ensuring the response is managed from start to finish
 - Is responsible for the allocation of resources including communicating the responsibilities to each staff member involved (including sourcing assistance from

external sources i.e. private veterinarians) or delegating responsibilities where relevant

- Is responsible for communicating to the Executive Director of LLS, Local Board and Board of Chairs during and after the incident
- Will produce any Ministerial correspondence as required
- Conduct a debrief within 2 weeks of the incident

c) *TL AB&W/or equivalent officer*

- Is the second LLS point of contact for the emergency services
- Will determine with the MBES the most appropriate staff member to attend the incident
- Attend the incident where required
- Attend the debrief

d) *LLS officer in charge*

- Is responsible for supervising all staff on site and managing the on site response
- Communicate with other response agencies at the scene
- Conduct on site risk assessments where and when required
- Make contact with the owner of the stock or person in charge (this may be the trucking company representative or driver)
- Maintain contact with MBES/delegated officer throughout the response
- Assist or perform stock handling/destruction (note only those authorised can perform stock destruction) as required
- Record details of the incident
- Follow up report provided to MBES
- Attend the debrief

e) *First response team*

- To attend the incident
- Participate in on site risk assessment
- Assist or perform stock handling/destruction (note only those authorised can perform stock destruction)
- To assist in the management of equipment
- Assist in the recording of details of the incident
- Attend the debrief



RELATED DOCUMENTS

1. LLS Livestock transport incidents: Procedure
2. NSW DPI Policy, Management of Livestock Transport Incidents
3. LLS Cost Recovery Policy

REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed in 6 months (April 2017)

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