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Live Cattle Trade class action – FAQs

Background

The decision to ban the trade of live cattle to Indonesia in June 2011 impacted significantly on a range of businesses, families and communities across Australia, most noticeably in the North.

On behalf of its members, the NTCA has been facilitating a process to gain access to legal support and advice through the Australian Farmers Fighting Fund and our membership with the NFF.

1. Who can join the claim?

Following the filing of the claim with a lead group, the class action is open to all businesses involved in:

- cattle production;
- live cattle export (to Indonesia);
- transport/mustering/feed/agistment and other incidental service providers to cattle production who suffered loss and damage as a result of the decision to ban live cattle exports to Indonesia on 7 June 2011.

2. How do I become involved in the claim?

Contact the NTCA for further information:

- Tracey Hayes CEO 041845024
- Tom Ryan EO 0428133349

3. How is the claim being funded?

The NTCA has secured funding from the Australian Farmers' Fighting Fund on behalf of the group to progress the claim in the Federal Court of Australia.

AFFF funding is available to NFF member organisations such as NTCA, AgForce, NSW Farmers, VFF, and WAFF. To assist in accessing the AFFF funding we encourage you to join your state farmer organisations.

Please contact:

- NTCA 08 89815976
- AgForce 07 32363100
- NSW Farmers 02 82511700
- VFF 1300882833
- WAFF 08 94862100



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4. How long does the financial support last?

The funding is available to support the case until the class action closes.

5. How long is the claim likely to take?

If the claim proceeds to mediation it is possible the claim could be completed within 12 months. If, however, the Commonwealth pushes the claim to a contested hearing it is possible the proceedings could take 18 months to 3 years.

6. Who is the legal firm?

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7. What kind of information do I need to provide?

If you join the claim Minter Ellison will be asking you to provide details of:

- your operations;
- historical sales figures (before and after the 2011 ban);
- profit and loss statements; and
- all additional expenditure required to run your operations after the ban was announced.

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