



CATTLE COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA

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Dear Dr. Wright and Mr. McIntyre

Re: CCA call for RSC circular motion to endorse draft CA Constitution

Thank you for your letter of 30 August 2022 in response to the Circular Motion sent to members of the former Restructure Steering Committee on 29 August 2022 requesting it endorse the draft Cattle Australia Constitution.

Cattle Council of Australia (CCA) as the recognised peak body under the *Australian Meat and Livestock Industries Act 1997* has a responsibility to obtain member support to transition to Cattle Australia. To achieve this objective through a Special General Meeting, CCA is required to engage with its members to obtain acceptance of the draft constitution developed by King Wood & Mallesons, as guided by the Restructure Steering Committee (RSC).

The RSC is an advisory body that CCA has engaged with in good faith. Although the RSC has no decision-making authority and CCA does not need agreement from the RSC to progress this transition, we value its input, but ultimately the decision to transition to Cattle Australia rests with CCA members.

As the legally prescribed industry body for the grass-fed cattle sector, CCA has been working with key industry stakeholders, including all members of the RSC, to finalise the draft constitution and continue the restructure's momentum. As a direct response to a request from some members of the RSC for ongoing engagement and in acknowledgment of the considerable time and expertise the RSC have dedicated to the grass-fed cattle restructure project, CCA engaged internationally renowned negotiator Mr. Allan Parker OAM to help reach agreement on the draft constitution.

As part of this process Mr. Parker engaged with all members of the RSC individually, including representatives of Cattle Producers Australia's (CPA), prior to the scheduled meeting held on 26 August 2022. CPA therefore had ample time to raise any concerns regarding the process, directly with CCA. By engaging in this process, CPA gave its implicit endorsement.

Unfortunately, no agreement was reached at this meeting therefore CCA, in a final effort to engage with the RSC on the draft constitution, initiated the Circular Motion process asking RSC members to either support or not support the draft. In-principle support of the draft constitution has since been given by a majority of the RSC.

CCA remains focused on the end result, a democratic, transparent and sustainable peak industry body that unites Australian grassfed cattle producers. This is on the public record, and we continue to strive towards this objective. As this was the original intent of the reform to the representative model, the draft

constitution provides a framework for the democratic election of a new board to represent grass-fed cattle producers.

On the matter of providing financial details, the audited financials will be available at the CCA AGM in November 2022. The Commonwealth has signed off on all Milestone Reports as required under the Commonwealth Contract – Consultancy Services and, as provided to you previously, the profit and loss statements for this contract indicate that the costs of this process have come within budget. Any further false assertions by CPA of impropriety in CCA's management of the agreement will be referred to CCA's legal firm.

CCA will continue to engage in constructive consultations with all parts of the industry.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. McGoverne', written over a light blue horizontal line.

John McGoverne
Chief Executive Officer