

Media Statement

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Landry says Federal Government's beef deal with China good for Capricornia

Federal Member for Capricornia Michelle Landry says today's breakthrough in live cattle export trade negotiations with China is a significant step forward for Capricornia's beef and cattle sector.

Federal Agriculture Minister Barnaby Joyce has signed his part of an agreement made with Chinese veterinary authorities on health conditions for trade of Australian feeder and slaughter cattle to China.

Ms Landry said the agreement means Australia's cattle industry moves a step closer to begin further trading to China.

"This is a step in right direction for our cattle industry to be able to gear up for the potential to enter China by helping to clear the barriers to access markets," Ms Landry said.

"Capricornia is the capital of our nation's beef industry and Barnaby Joyce and the Federal Government have worked hard to make sure our cattle producers and exporters have increased opportunities to expand trade into Asia."

Once the agreement is formalised, exporters will be able to begin working with importers in China to implement an Exporter Supply Chain Assurance System (ESCAS) and establish supply chains that meet ESCAS requirements.

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