



DIRECTOR CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

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SUMMARY:

Report on the Annual Audit on Kempsey Regional Saleyards



DESCRIPTION:

The Kempsey Regional Saleyards were audited on the 28th of September 2006 as part of the National Saleyards Quality Assurance program (NSQA). This accreditation is audited on an annual basis by an Aus – Meat Limited representative on behalf of the NSQA to assess compliance with various requirements including Animal Welfare, Primary Operations, OH&S, Management practices and Record Keeping.

When finalising his report to maintain accreditation for the Saleyards he commented: *"It is pleasing to see the progress with the upgrading of facilities and extensive works being carried out with replacement of old timber pens/yards with all steel construction. Kempsey's commitment to continual improvement has been substantial and I will look forward to inspecting new works still to be completed at the next audit."*

The National Livestock Reporting Service has released the latest rankings of New South Wales Saleyards, which show that Kempsey Regional Saleyards has moved up another place, improving from 23rd place to 22nd, continuing a four year trend of improvement.

Kempsey Regional Saleyards has improved from a State ranking of 28 in 2002/03 to a ranking of 22 in 2005/06. It recorded a stock through put of 33,000 for the past financial year, representing an 8% increase on the previous year.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- *Environmental*

Nil implications

- *Social*

Nil implications

- *Economic (Financial)*

Nil implications

- *Policy or Statutory*

Nil implications

- *Director's Review*

The improved ranking is a reward for Council's investment in a substantial improvement program for Kempsey Regional Saleyards over the last few years.

The northern unloading area is looking very impressive and the results are pleasing.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be noted.

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