

# NSW Emergency Drought Relief Package – Drought Transport Scheme for POCTA cases

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## 1. Purpose

This policy describes what the NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) within the Department of Industry, Enforcement agencies under the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979* (POCTA enforcement agencies) and Local Land Services (LLS) will do to prevent animal welfare issues by encouraging stock owners to destock their property by transporting the stock to sale or slaughter under the NSW Emergency Drought Relief Package announced by the NSW government on 30 July 2018..

## 2. Scope

Due to the severity of the drought there may be a need to encourage owners who are unable to properly care for their animals to destock to prevent further animal welfare issues

This policy is adopted by NSW DPI an Office within the NSW Department of Industry, POCTA enforcement agencies and LLS, and applies to NSW stock owners under investigation for animal welfare issues relating to drought affected stock.

This policy applies to payment of livestock carrier charges associated with transport of drought affected stock to sale, slaughter or other agreed point of sale. This policy has been adopted to deliver on the NSW Government's Emergency Drought Relief Package and only remains available while funding within that package is available.

#### 4. Outcomes

1. To be eligible for this animal welfare transport scheme, the owner or person in charge must be under enforcement agency investigation.
2. The owner or person in charge of drought affected stock is encouraged by the enforcement agency and LLS to dispose of drought affected stock to prevent further animal welfare issues.
3. Funding is only used for the transport of stock that are fit to travel and only for transport to sale, slaughter or other point of sale. Transport to agistment is not included in this scheme.
4. Funding is used for transport of stock to the nearest available sale yard, abattoir or other agreed point of sale.
5. The enforcement agency in conjunction with LLS will endorse access to this animal welfare transport scheme.
6. Funding is not provided for the movement of livestock contrary to movement restrictions in place during a biosecurity disease outbreak.
7. NLIS requirements must be followed at all times.

#### 5. Related procedures

Procedure – NSW Emergency Drought Relief Package – Drought Transport Subsidy Scheme.

#### 6. Definitions and acronyms

DPI NSW Department of Primary Industries

LLS Local Lands Services

POCTA *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979*

#### 7. Legislation

*Biosecurity Act 2015*

*Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979*

#### 8. Other related documents

Policy - Destruction and disposal of drought affected stock

Policy - Records Management (IND-I-177)

Policy - Information Security (IND-I-197)

Policy - Classified Information (IND-I-196)

Policy - Government Information (Public Access) (IND-I-178)

#### 9. Revision History

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## **10. Contact**

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