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Transportation of livestock around Norfolk Island

The Administration of Norfolk Island today announced some changed arrangements in relation to transport of livestock on the Island. For some years the Administration has been involved in the transportation of stock around Norfolk on behalf of stockowners. The Administration originally provided this service because no privately operated stock trailering service was readily available. The need to carry out significant repairs to the stock trailer and to replace the Stock Inspector's vehicle has provided an opportunity to review this activity.

This review has shown that stock trailering fees do not cover the cost of providing this service. Full cost recovery would have required fees that are significantly higher than the \$20 currently charged to transport a trailer load of stock between any two locations on the Island. There are also now a number of privately owned stock trailers on the Island, with potential for providing stock transport on a commercial basis.

As a result Administration staff will no longer be providing a stock transport service. Stockowners will be able to make private arrangements to transport their stock around Norfolk. Cessation of the Administration's heavily subsidised stock trailering service opens up an opportunity for private stock transporters to provide the service.

The time and resource savings achieved by discontinuing the stock transport activity will enable the Administration's stock inspection and management staff to concentrate on core stock inspection duties, such as the identity of stock depastured on the commons, noxious weed control, fencing and support for forestry and reserves management.

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