

DISPOSAL OF LIVESTOCK DURING THE DROUGHT

Background

A small number of enquiries have already been received from the public and local Government Association regarding the disposal of livestock with no commercial value. It is possible that this may become a more common strategy if the impact of the drought continues to reduce stock values – particularly old ewes.

We want to establish a simple procedure for handling these enquiries that involves minimal points of contact for advice and avoids the normal “referral” process and consequent stress.

Advice sought will range from options for disposal (render plants, slaughter and burial or burning etc), location of burial pits and regulations, burial pit size and cover depths- plus, plus..

PIRSA Animal Health has agreed to be the key contact point for these enquiries at the appropriate regional office.

Animal Health staff will seek advice from EPA or DWLBC as required on site selection or for other “environmental” considerations. EPA have agreed to take the running on this through:

- **Carl Smith**, EPA Mt Gambier (phone 8735 1181) for all South East enquiries
- **Brian Roderick**, EPA Adelaide (phone 8204 2019 or 0401 126 331) for rest of SA

PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING PUBLIC ENQUIRIES

Direct all enquiries on livestock disposal to animal health staff in the following offices:

Struan: Phone 8762 9100 - South East Region enquiries

Murray Bridge: Phone 8535 6400 – Murraylands, Adelaide Hills & Fleurieu

Clare : Phone 8842 6222 – Barossa & Lower North, Yorke Peninsula, Mid & Upper North and pastoral

Port Lincoln : Phone 8688 3400 – Eyre Peninsula

The contact numbers above are for the reception desk at each of these locations, so Rural Solutions reception staff will need to be briefed by their local animal health people.