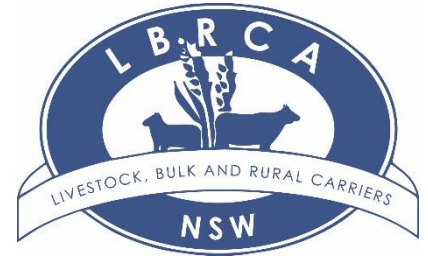


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LBRCA WELCOMES TENTERFIELD AS FIRST TRUCK WASH FUNDING RECIPIENT

The LBRCA welcomes the announcement this week that Tenterfield is the first recipient of funding under the 'Fixing Country Truck Washes' initiative, a \$10 million joint federal-state arrangement to build and upgrade truck wash-out facilities across NSW.

Receiving \$600,000 in funding, the new facility at Tenterfield will provide operators with improved opportunity to mitigate bio-security issues and will relieve operators of the burden of travelling an additional 100kms to access the next available truck wash at Glen Innes.

It is a fact that regional truck washes are critical facilities used by livestock transporters servicing regional industries. A lack of available and adequate wash out facilities on key freight routes can have serious negative outcomes on the meat and livestock sector and an unhealthy impact on local communities.

In 2011, the LBRCA wrote to the NSW Government highlighting this issue including the need to develop a State-wide policy to ensure the availability of an appropriate wash out network along key meat and livestock freight routes (mainly feedlots, saleyards and abattoirs) in NSW.

"We stressed that we must be on the front foot and ensure consistent measures are in place to deliver against bio-security, community health and animal welfare requirements – not to mention ensuring driver safety and minimising environmental issues", LBRCA President Lynley Miners says.

"We have worked closely with the NSW Government to deliver this reform, and I know and appreciate the hard work and investment made in delivering this outcome and creating such an important and fundamental reform".

The LBRCA encouraged all NSW councils to consider applying for funding under this initiative and provided over 15 letters to various councils to support their submissions.

"It is particularly pleasing to see the outcome of the Associations vision and hard work come to fruition. As we say in this industry, real change takes time".

The LBRCA looks forward to the announcement of further successful recipients in the coming weeks.

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