

South West Regional Livestock Handling Facility



The Liberal-led State Government supports the growth and development of the State's meat and livestock industries, recognising that high-quality, well-located and well-maintained sales infrastructure is vital for efficient sheep and cattle production and the development of supply chains.

Fast Facts

- WA's livestock industries contribute around 25% of the State's agricultural, fisheries and forestry production.
- In 2014/15 live cattle exports were valued at \$236.7 million; beef at \$192.8 million; live sheep exports at \$192.2 million and sheep meat at \$329.3 million.
- The WA beef herd comprised of 2.24 million head at the end of 2014/15 and had a production value of \$655 million.
- More than 60,000 head of cattle go through the Boyanup saleyards every year with cattle numbers in the southwest forecast to increase.

A Strong Record

Under the Regional Livestock Saleyard Strategy the Liberal-led State Government has:

- Closed the out-dated and dilapidated Midland saleyards.
- Invested \$54m to build the state-of-the-art Muchea saleyards.
- Contributed \$17m towards the \$25.4m Katanning sheep saleyards.
- Provided \$2.3m to the Plantagenet Shire to fund the Mt Barker saleyard.



\$2.2 million was also made available to update the Boyanup saleyards but this was not taken up by the yards' private operators.

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The Boyanup saleyards provide a crucial service for trading store or feeder cattle and also provide dairy farmers with an outlet for dairy calves and cull cows.

The saleyards lease with the Capel Shire expires in 2022 and is unlikely to be renewed given the site's development potential and close proximity to the Boyanup town site.

Our Commitment

- A Liberal Government will allocate \$2 million to acquire land for a new livestock handling facility, to replace the aging Boyanup saleyards facility, and associated livestock activities. The preferred location is at a site just south of Boyanup.
- A Liberal Government will work with the shire and industry to ensure an orderly transition from the existing saleyards at Boyanup to a new state-of-the-art facility for the south west before the current lease expires in 2022.



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