

# ONLINE ARTICLE

<b>Title:</b>	"Truckies welcome livestock guidelines"
<b>Author:</b>	Charlie McKillop
<b>Date:</b>	Monday, 18 June 2012
<b>Publication:</b>	ABC Rural
<b>Copyright:</b>	ABC
<b>Address:</b>	< <a href="http://www.abc.net.au/rural/qld/content/2012/06/s3527477.htm">http://www.abc.net.au/rural/qld/content/2012/06/s3527477.htm</a> >
<b>Accessed:</b>	Thursday, 21 June 2012



New national guidelines will ensure standards for cattle loading are consistent across state borders (Carl Curtain )

New national transport standards have been developed to protect the welfare of animals, and for the first time these standards will be the same in all States and Territories.

Secretary of the National Livestock Transport Association, Liz Schmidt, says the new standards won't be a problem for most transporters, who already adhere closely to codes of practice.

She says the new standards reflect the industry's ongoing commitment to animals, and that criticisms of livestock transport are largely unwarranted.

"It's not just a box of cornflakes, it's a living breathing animal that needs to be respected for what it is," she says.

"And the true professionals in our industry - and I believe 99.9 per cent of people involved in this industry are true professionals - deal with these creatures that they carry very humanely and on a one-on-one basis."