

ONLINE ARTICLE

Title:	"First Pilbara cattle boat since 2009"
Author:	Stephen Stockwell
Date:	Thursday, 2 August 2012
Publication:	ABC Rural
Copyright:	ABC
Address:	< http://www.abc.net.au/rural/news/content/201208/s3558954.htm >
Accessed:	Thursday, 2 August 2012



Tanker and tugs at Port Hedland, a huge iron ore port. Live cattle exports from the wharves are about to resume after three years. (ABC News)

The first live cattle shipment in almost three years to leave the Western Australian town of Port Hedland is due to sail late next week.

The boat is expected be loaded with up to 6,000 head of bulls and steers at the port, which hasn't seen a live export boat leave since October 2009.

John Finch, harbour master of the Port Hedland Port Authority, says despite the time between live shipments, the port is capable of handling this cargo regularly.

"Obviously we're a very busy port at the moment and the demand on the public berths is very, very high, but we'll certainly do whatever we possibly can to facilitate the trade of live export shipments."