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A road train pulls into the Katherine cattle yards to unload. (ABC Rural)

The high number of cattle being transported throughout Australia and new animal welfare standards have highlighted the need for a livestock spelling facility in South Australia.

Suspension of live cattle exports to Indonesia has resulted in more cattle being sent south for slaughter.

Philip Haltman, from the Australian Livestock and Rural Transporters Association, says a lack of spelling facilities between northern and southern Australia means cattle are spending longer on trucks without water or rest.

He says this needs to change before new national animal welfare regulations for land transport are rolled out later this year.

"What's previously been advice about how long they can be off water, now is going to become a legal requirement," he said.

"There's going to be a time limit, which is enforceable for how long an animal can go without access to water.

"That time limit starts to run from the moment the animal loses access, and for the longer distance movements, it's very clear to us more spelling facilities are going to be important and are going to be heavily focused on South Australia."