Transport of livestock – care and responsibilities

When custody of livestock is transferred from one person to another throughout the transport process:

- the person who accepts the livestock into their care and charge accepts responsibility for the welfare of the animals, including responsibility for ensuring that they are fit for the intended journey; and
- the person from whom the livestock are accepted is responsible for notifying the person accepting care or charge of any issue that may affect the welfare of the animals during transport, including when they last had access to water, feed or were given a spell.

Useful links:

- Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines — Land Transport of Livestock
- Is the animal fit to load *(cattle, sheep and goats)*
- Stock Preparation Pre-Transport – A Guide to Best Practice
- Is it fit for the intended Journey *(pigs)*
- Caring for bobby calves before and during transport *(**Note:** must **not** be transported across Bass Strait!)*
- Is the animal fit to process?

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