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To Whom It May Concern:

I believe that the bulk of the western Queensland cattle going to processors on the eastern side of the Great Divide should be sent on rail.

This would take many trucks off the road system with pay offs in regard to maintenance of the roads, animal welfare and human safety, with invariably less road carnage.

Queensland processors have an average throughput of 70,000 head of cattle per week, 48 weeks of the year.

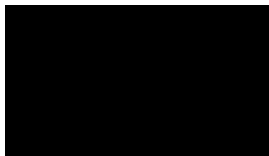
These numbers require an average of 3500 decks or approximately 1200 trucks depending on the trucks configuration.

Each truck would also weigh on average 50,000 kgs loaded.

This would be a significant easing of pressure on our roads plus the other benefits already mentioned.

I hope this argument can be used in your enquiry.

Regards



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