

**Question on Notice**

**No. 1510**

**Asked on 9 December 2025**

**MR S KNUTH** asked the Minister for Primary Industries (HON A PERRETT)—

**QUESTION:**

With reference to concerns having been raised with me regarding state-level implementation and integration of the National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) leading to the growing incidence of stock theft in Queensland—

Will the Minister advise whether the government will review the National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) ear tag requirements to ensure a more permanent and tamper-resistant form of identification, such as mandatory branding or earmarking is enforced for cattle movement and ownership verification to improve theft prevention and traceability in the State?

**ANSWER:**

The National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) provides permanent, whole-of-life traceability for livestock ensuring rapid response to food safety or disease outbreaks, maintaining product integrity and supporting market access.

Queensland's branding system is used to identify ownership of livestock. While the NLIS and brands systems can be complementary, they have distinctly different purposes.

Following the former Labor Government's unresolved review of the *Brands Act 1915* that was commenced in 2022, the Crisafulli Government has committed to undertake a more effective review to deliver meaningful outcomes for primary producers. Targeted consultation to progress the review has most recently included a roundtable with livestock experts on 26 November 2025.