

Resolutions - The Beef Crisis Summit - Richmond

Tuesday 7 May 2013

Submitted by the Steering Committee

1. That the Federal Government introduce a form of foreign aid to purchase 100,000 head of cattle from Northern Australia at a farm gate floor price of \$1.50 per Kg to reduce the risk of the Northern Australia beef industry collapsing and restore the live export trade including lifting the 350 Kg limit.

Moved: Andrew Daniels Seconded: John Wharton Carried

2. That the Summit calls for the establishment of a body to negotiate with the Indonesian Ambassador the expansion and further development of the live cattle market that has mutual benefits to Australia and Indonesia.

Moved: Andrew Daniels Seconded: Shane Knuth Carried

3. That the Summit call on the Federal & State Governments to develop a method of emergency financial relief for exceptional circumstances assistance for government charges such as, payment of Rates and outstanding taxes, as well as Land Rent decreased by 20% for 5 years.

Moved: Andrew Daniels Seconded: George Ryan

Carried

4. That the State Government reduce the registration on transport vehicles by at least 30% and reintroduce rail and road subsidies of 30% for the duration of the drought for all drought declared shires or that have IDPs over them.

Moved: Andrew Daniels Seconded: Russell Lethbridge Carried

5. That the Summit calls on Meat and Livestock Australia to suspend the \$5 Transaction Levy on all drought declared shires and individually droughted properties.

Moved: Fred Pascoe Seconded: Jim Gearney Carried

6. That interest rates are excessive and incompatible with sustainable production in agricultural profitability and international competitiveness. The Summit calls on the Federal Government to reduce interest rates.

Moved: Fred Pascoe Seconded: Charlie Hawkins Carried

7. The Australian dollar is un-competitively high. The Summit calls on the Federal Government and the Reserve Bank to put in place methods to compensate Australian industries and reduce the dollar, for example, the central bank reduce interest rates to be internationally comparable.

Moved: Barry Hughes Seconded: Russell Lethbridge Carried

8. The Summit requests the Federal Member for Kennedy, Bob Katter MP after consultation with relevant experts, to present to the next sitting of Parliament a Bill to bring into existence an "Australian Reconstruction and Development Bank" (ARDB) with the capacity to reconstruct debilitating financial arrangements in agriculture and to provide low-interest long term funds (Patient Capital) for the further development of the agricultural industries and infrastructures of Australia.

Moved: Charlie Hawkins Seconded: Rob Atkinson Carried

9. The Summit call on the Federal Government to review the Taxation Zonal Allowance to attract and retain the rural workforce.

Moved: Fred Pascoe Seconded: Will Attwood Carried

10. The Summit calls for the establishment of one or more strategically placed meatworks in addition to current abattoir initiatives.

Moved: Rob Atkinson Seconded: Jim Pritchard Carried

11. That the Federal Government set up a Ministry of Food to ensure a fair standard of living for farmers while maintaining sustainable production systems and to provide a stable and safe food supply at affordable prices for Australian consumers.

Moved: Rob Atkinson Seconded: Russell Lethbridge Carried

12. That this Summit authorises the Beef Crisis Steering Committee to make representation to the Federal & State Governments and other relevant parties in relation to the resolutions adopted at the Summit.

Moved: Fred Pascoe Seconded: Liz Smidth Carried

Resolutions from the Floor

1. That the federal government officially apologise to the Australian cattle industry and the Indonesian government and people for the appalling way in which the live export ban was handled and the hardship forced on them. And implores the Indonesians to reopen

the trade & raise the weight to 500kg, which would not only lighten the pressure on our local markets but help to alleviate the extent of the impending animal welfare disaster which is looming as none of us have the money to feed them.

Moved: Rob Atkinson Seconded: Blair Knuth Carried

2. That this summit calls on the government to abolish stamp duty on buying rural property for drought declared shires at least.

Moved: John Murray Seconded: Marion Murray Carried

3. That the government halt all monetary aid (as in the millions or billions of dollars) to Asia & sink that money into helping the cattle industry of Australia (Charity starts at home!)

Moved: John Murray Seconded: Marion Murray Carried

4. That the federal government revisit the problem of insufficient competition in the Australian Banking Sector in relation to the Rural Sector and especially address the situation of the Big Four taking over the smaller Banks and take measures to stop this practice.

Moved: Edgar Burnett Seconded: Andrea Burnett Carried

5. That the State and Federal Government lobby the Reserve Bank of Australia to lower their Base Interest Rate to a level in line with those of the other Major World Central Banks.

Moved: Edgar Burnett Seconded: Andrea Burnett Carried

6. That the Queensland Government subsidise the freight costs at the same rate as for those on carting hay and water on the following items: Polythene pipe and associated fittings; Tanks, troughs and associated fittings; any associated water pumping equipment. The subsidy is to only apply to costs from the closest usual supplier to the development site/s.

Moved: Edgar Burnett Seconded: Andrea Burnett Carried

7. That the Federal Government survey all PIC Holders, the survey being based solely on their herd numbers, to determine whether or not they want the NLIS to remain compulsory and if a clear majority of them do not want it to remain so, act on it!

Moved: Edgar Burnett Seconded: Andrea Burnett Carried

8. The State Government consider a 50% rebate the on the cost of transporting drilling rigs for water from A to B (B being the property requiring water).
- Moved: Mary Dixon Seconded: Russell Lethbridge Carried
9. That the Summit call on the Federal Government to properly model the impact of the "Accumulated Tax Loss Credit – Swap for Debt" Proposal developed by the Gulf Horizons Foundation and provide feedback to the Steering Committee by the 30th June 2013.
- Moved: Grant Fawcett Seconded: Will Attwood Carried
10. That crown lands being mainly national parks and forest is open for grazing.
- Moved: John Gilmore Seconded: Cherie Gilmore Carried
11. That urgent attention is given to restoring the kangaroo meat trade with Russia as they are in plague proportions on the Downs.
- Moved: Ailas Morton Seconded: Adam Webber Carried
12. That Australians be permitted to contract directly with Indonesians and Egyptians to process northern cattle.
- Moved: John McClymont Seconded: Edgar Burnett Carried
13. That anyone in any community such as Richmond can sell their product in any form they want to anyone in the world.
- Moved: John McClymont Seconded: Deb Vining Lost
14. Minister Ludwig has assured us that he is not against the live export trade. Can Minister Ludwig assure us that the people in his government involved in the decision making process share his passion for re-establishing a strong and vibrant live cattle export trade?
- Moved: Blair Knuth Seconded: Lenore Knuth Carried
15. That an Avgas Rebate for producers equivalent to the diesel rebate be introduced for a period of time to ease the burden on mustering costs.
- Moved: David Fox Seconded: Edgar Burnett Carried
16. That the Queensland Government remove restrictions on road trains (4 decks) delivering meatworks cattle within metropolitan areas.
- Moved: Gordon Ford Seconded: Andrew Daniels Carried
17. That the Federal Government put in place a 75% wage subsidy for rural sector workers in drought declared areas.

Moved: Russell Lethbridge Seconded: Shane Knuth Carried

18. That the Federal Government expedites the signing of the Free Trade Agreement with South Korea.

Moved: Russell Lethbridge Seconded: Blair Knuth Carried