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General Review of the Indonesia-Australia Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement

The Northern Territory Cattlemen's Association (NTCA) welcomes the opportunity to provide a submission on the General Review of the Indonesia–Australia Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (IA-CEPA). The NTCA is the peak primary industry body in the Northern Territory, representing over 90% of the Territory's pastoral industry, from small family pastoral holdings and Indigenous enterprises to large corporate entities.

We advocate on behalf of land managers responsible for managing more than 45% of the Territory's land mass. The pastoral sector makes a critical contribution to the Northern Territory's regional economy, directly and indirectly employing over 10,000 people, supporting national and international food security, and promoting long-standing environmental stewardship across some of Australia's most remote landscapes.

The NTCA strongly supports the ongoing implementation and strengthening of IA-CEPA, particularly where it facilitates deeper industry-to-industry engagement, enhances mutual capability and builds long-term relationships between Australia and Indonesia.

The NTCA emphasises that enduring trade outcomes are underpinned by strong relationships. Industry-led exchange and capacity-building programs have proven highly effective in strengthening bilateral ties and delivering tangible benefits across the supply chain.

Northern Territory Indonesia 360 Program (NTI360) (formerly Indonesia–Australia Pastoral Industry Student Program (NIAPP))

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The Northern Territory Indonesia 360 Program (NTI360) is a comprehensive initiative designed to foster collaboration and knowledge exchange between the Australian and Indonesian beef industries.

The program focused on developing future leaders within Indonesia's livestock sector by equipping participants with practical and technical skills in key areas including biosecurity, animal welfare, emergency response management and livestock traceability.

NTI360 included a 10-week intensive training program in Northern Australia, combining classroom-based learning with practical, on-station experience across both corporate and family-run cattle enterprises. Participants gained hands-on exposure to cattle handling, animal health assessment, data management systems and best-practice biosecurity protocols.

A key component of the program was the reciprocal exchange, whereby Australian industry representatives visit Indonesian supply chains. These visits enhance understanding of shared challenges and emerging risks, including transboundary animal diseases such as Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) and Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD).

Since its inception in 2012, NTI360 has supported over 100 alumni. The program has delivered measurable outcomes in strengthening bilateral relationships, improving animal welfare practices and enhancing collective biosecurity capability.

Conclusion

The NTCA strongly supports the role of IA-CEPA in facilitating not only trade liberalisation, but also deeper strategic engagement between Australia and Indonesia.

Programs such as NTI360 / NIAPP demonstrate that investment in people-to-people links, capability building, and industry collaboration delivers long-term dividends for both nations. These initiatives strengthen supply chain resilience, improve shared standards, and build the trust necessary to underpin a stable and prosperous trading relationship.

The NTCA encourages continued recognition and support for industry-led engagement programs as a core component of Australia's trade and partnership framework with Indonesia.

Sincerely,

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