POLICY: Saleyards Operations – Memorandum of Understanding Between Council and the Roma Livestock Agents Association



1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to supplement Council's Local Law No. 6 (Operation of Saleyards) 2011 and Subordinate Local Law No. 1.17 (Sale or Consignment of Stock at a Saleyard) 2011 which provides for the orderly and proper conduct of business activities at the Roma Saleyards including the granting of approvals for the Sale or Consignment of Stock at a Saleyard.

2. SCOPE

This policy applies to the Roma Saleyards, Warrego Highway, Roma.

3. BACKGROUND

The Roma Saleyards - Australia's largest cattle selling complex, is an accredited centre for store, prime, stud and special sales, and private weighing and spelling services. The centre operates as a 24/7 facility which is accredited with both the NSQA (National Saleyards Quality Assurance) and EUCAS (European Union Cattle Accreditation Scheme).

Applications for an approval to sell or consign stock at the saleyards (agent selling permit) are assessed by Council and may be approved subject to conditions. In accordance with *Subordinate Local Law No. 1.17* (Sale or Consignment of Stock at a Saleyard) 2011 each approval granted is not transferrable.

4. **DEFINITIONS**

Regular sale day: means a day/s fixed under section 12(1) of *Local Law No. 6 (Operation of Saleyards) 2011*.

5. POLICY DETAILS

5.1 Regular Sale Days

Council has fixed the days and times during which regular stock sales are conducted at the Roma Saleyards as follows:

- Store Sales: Tuesdays commencing 8am
- Prime Sales: Thursdays commencing 8am

Any proposed change to the regular sale days will be considered by Council after consultation with the Roma Selling Agents (permit holders).

5.2 Applications for an Approval

Any application for an approval to sell (including applicants who have entered into a contract for the purchase of a business owned by a current approval holder) will be considered by Council in accordance with the criteria for granting an approval in section 4 of Subordinate Local Law No 1.17 (Sale or Consignment of Stock at a Saleyard) 2011.

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Whilst the approval itself is not transferrable from one approval holder to another entity under *Subordinate Local Law No. I.17 (Sale or Consignment of Stock at a Saleyard) 2011*, Council will not unreasonably withhold approval, on the understanding that the Roma Livestock Agents Association (the Association) will not unreasonably decline a request made by an applicant to become a member of the Association.

5.3 Consultation with Roma Livestock Agents Association during Council's Assessment of Applications for an Approval

As part of Council's due diligence when deciding whether to grant an approval, Council will seek information on the history of an applicant (in accordance with its obligations under section 4 of Subordinate Local Law No 1.17 (Sale or Consignment of Stock at a Saleyard) 2011) which the Association may hold.

6. RELATED POLICIES AND LEGISLATION

- Maranoa Regional Council Local Law No. 6 (Operation of Saleyards) 2011
- Maranoa Regional Council Subordinate Local Law No 1.17 (Sale or Consignment of Stock at a Saleyard) 2011
- Information Privacy Act 2009

7. REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed when any of the following occur:

- (a) The related local law and/or subordinate local law is amended or replaced; or
- (b) Other circumstances as determined from time to time by a resolution of Council.

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