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The Hon Anthony Perrett MP
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Dear Minister Perrett,

LAIDLEY SALEYARDS AND CLEARING DIP

I write to you in relation to the Laidley Saleyards and Clearing Dip. Presently the Saleyards and Clearing Dip are owned by the Lockyer Valley Regional Council with sales held on a fortnightly basis. An integral component of the facility is the Cattle Dip which is used for clearing cattle that are entering the Cattle Tick free zone.

Recent Cattle Tick outbreaks in the Tick Free Zone particularly around the Bymount District of South West Queensland have highlighted the need to maintain Cattle Clearing facilities such as plunge dips to ensure that livestock can be adequately treated when moving between the Tick Infected and Tick Free Zones, in turn permitting livestock owners to meet their General Biosecurity Obligation.

The Laidley facility is in current need of refurbishment to comply with the Workplace Health and Safety Act, The Environmental Protection Act, and Animal Welfare Legislation. These works are currently expected to cost \$1.2 mil.

As this facility is in close proximity to the Cattle Tick Line it would be logical for it to continue operations and provide a service to livestock owners and transport operators moving livestock, preventing further Cattle Tick Outbreaks and the losses associated with these events.

The Lockyer Valley Regional Council thereby is seeking co-funding from the Qld State Government for the capital infrastructure upgrades to the facility as it provides benefit to the greater livestock industry and regional communities of Queensland.

Helidon did previously have a dip facility which was State owned and operated, as part of their biosecurity responsibility, however in 2020 the State closed the site and since this time our council and community have been funding this State service and obligation.

Please also find attached a letter of support from the Agforce cattle board.

I look forward to your response and would appreciate the opportunity to discuss the nature of the proposed work to the Laidley Facility and how this would assist industry to comply with The State Biosecurity Act.

Yours faithfully,

Cr Tanya Milligan

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LOCKYER VALLEY REGIONAL COUNCIL

