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To: Cupit, Andrew - BA
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Dear David,

Once again on behalf of the AHA Industry Forum, our thanks to the Quarantine and Biosecurity Review Panel for making the time to have a discussion with the AHA Livestock Industries Forum. While our preparation time was limited, we certainly valued the opportunity to explore and discuss the critically important future for quarantine and biosecurity with the Review Panel.

I think you would have got a strong message from industry that there was a need for cultural change within the national quarantine and biosecurity system and that this can only be achieved in a sustainable manner through structural change.

In terms of the Panel's request for feedback on Agenda Topic 3 - the Forum's suggested wording is 'Government has the ultimate responsibility for quarantine and biosecurity in Australia with the support and active involvement of industry throughout the supply chain down to farm level.'

I understand that the Cattle Council of Australia has submitted the model for the proposed Biosecurity Council (which we discussed at our meeting on 29 May 2008) to the Review Panel. The members of the Industry Forum are broadly supportive of this model. Several points that the review Panel may like to consider when reviewing the model are:

- seek the views of those other industries who have been involved with the quarantine system (IRA's included) and post-border compliance (even better if they export as they will be seeking to expand exports while competing with imports domestically)
- in addition to an NFF representative on the Biosecurity Council, it would be valuable for both the extensive and intensive industries to be represented and consideration given to having an AHA representative.

David once again, on behalf of the AHA Industry Forum members, thank you for the opportunity to meet with the Review Panel and if I can be of further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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