

THE LIVESTOCK CENTRE... ON THE ROAD TO MUCHEA



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WHAT IS THE LIVESTOCK CENTRE?

The Livestock Centre will provide a centralised facility for the holding, marketing and distribution of sheep and cattle for the State's livestock industry. The Livestock Centre is to be located at Muchea on Lot 5 Muchea East Road. This is a 302.6 ha rural zoned property 1.6km east-north-east of the intersection of the Brand Highway and the Great Northern Highway.

The Livestock Centre is to be operated by the Western Australian Meat Industry Authority (WAMIA) and will comprise an undercover livestock saleyard facility with supporting infrastructure to cater for an annual throughput of up to 120,000 cattle and 1,000,000 sheep.

THE AIMS OF THE LIVESTOCK CENTRE:-

- Employ animal welfare best practice;
- Operate efficiently and safely;
- Maximise vendor returns;
- Attract the maximum number of buyers and sellers; and
- Ensure full time employment for staff.

STUDIES UNDERTAKEN:-

Significant studies have been undertaken to ensure that facility, at all stages is built and managed employing the highest possible standards. These studies include:-

Traffic Management Plan	Odour Management Plan
Acid Sulphate Soil Management Plan	Landscape Plan
Dust Management Plan	Water Management Plan
Carcase Management Plan	Noise Management Plan
Fire Management Plan	Waste Management Plan
Geotechnical Study	Groundwater Monitoring Program

PART OF THE MUCHEA EMPLOYMENT NODE:-

The Livestock Centre is the first business to establish in the WA Planning Commission's planned Muchea Employment Node, an industrial park of approximately 1,100ha around Muchea East Road, Muchea. For more information contact Rebecca Hollett at Connell Wagner on 08 9223 1541.

PROGRESS TO DATE:-

- May 2007: Internal access road, dams and associated drainage excavated.
- Spring 2007: Fencing of the site; internal and reinforcing external.
- January 2008: Stage 2 earthworks commenced; the 16ha site will be leveled, effluent ponds and rainwater dam excavated.
- April 2008: Construction to commence.

- End 2008: Open for business.

SOME TECHNICAL DETAIL:

The Livestock Centre will be constructed on a 16ha level pad with:

- An undercover saleyard extending over 5.28ha with a lightweight steel frame, open sides, a saw-tooth roof and a total building height of approximately 8m.
- Flooring will comprise a mix of concrete and sawdust (for cattle) and woodchips (for sheep) with the sawdust and chips installed over a compacted clay layer.
- An external hardstand area of approximately 8.63ha surrounding the saleyards. This will have a bituminised surface and support livestock truck unloading and loading facilities, an eight bay truck wash, large and small truck and trailer parking, truck depots, and car parking facilities.
- An external area of approximately 0.62ha incorporating an eight bay truck wash, a waste management working area, a maintenance compound and a workshop.
- Offices and amenities and canteen.

Additional site components, outside of the pad area, are;

- Two large stormwater retention basins; one for collecting “clean-water” and the other for collecting “grey-water”.
- Potable (drinking water) storage tanks for human use;
- Header storage tanks for stock drinking purposes;
- A wastewater treatment system for wastewater generated from the truck-wash facility.
- Approximately 190ha of land for grazing: mostly seasonal.

As a replacement for the existing Midland Saleyards, the Livestock Centre at Muchea will be designed to enable the Western Australian Meat Industry Authority (WAMIA) to introduce new technology and marketing systems, improve animal welfare and establish a modern ‘best practice’ saleyard with associated support infrastructure in an environmentally more suitable location. A central part of the ‘best practice’ objective is to minimise the amount of wastewater effluent generated, as such, the facility will be self-sustaining in terms of its water usage.

WHO ARE WE?

WAMIA is a State Government Authority under the Minister for Agriculture and Food responsible for the ownership and management of the Midland Saleyard and regulation of the meat processing industry.

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