



# Media Release



## MUCHEA LIVESTOCK CENTRE : NEXT STEP UNDERWAY

Tenders for Stage two of the Forward Works at the Muchea Livestock Centre will be advertised this Wednesday 14 November in *The West Australian*.

Stage two, or the main earthworks will include creation of the 16 ha “cut and fill” (upon which the Saleyard pad and hard stand will be located), waste water ponds and clean water ponds plus associated drains.

Tenders are expected to be awarded before Christmas so that the earthworks can commence around 7 January, 2008.

Western Australian Meat Industry Authority (WAMIA) Saleyard Relocation Chairman, Mr Malcolm Seymour said, “This is the most important step so far. It follows on from our stage one earthworks that was completed in June this year”.

“Since that time, important Geotechnical work has been undertaken to confirm quantities of gravel and clay under the surface”, Mr Seymour said.

“The quality clay we have found under the Saleyard site will be used to create the impervious liner for the anaerobic and aerobic waste water ponds”, he said.

“This is important to ensure that nutrient leaching does not occur”, he said.

Other site activities that are underway include improved boundary fencing.

An internal operations group has been established made up of agents and yard users to work on operational aspects of the new facility including non- curfew sales, order of sale and animal welfare.

An animal welfare manual is being developed in close consultation with all aspects of industry. This will apply not only to the Muchea Livestock Centre, but also Katanning, Great Southern Regional Cattle Saleyards and Boyanup.

“An industry workshop is scheduled for early December to provide feedback on the draft document” WAMIA Chief Executive Officer, Renata Paliskis-Bessell said.

“We want to be able to achieve industry ownership of the animal welfare standards and targets that we are developing”, Ms Paliskis-Bessell said.

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