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DECISION ON LOCATION OF REPLACEMENT SALEYARDS WELCOMED

Western Australian Meat Industry Authority (WAMIA) chairman Mr Kerry McAuliffe has welcomed the State Government's decision to approve the construction of a new State Livestock Centre at Muchea.

"This decision represents a culmination of years of planning by WAMIA after widespread discussions with all stakeholders involved in the livestock industry in Western Australia," Mr McAuliffe said.

"The decision to locate at Muchea was taken only after extensive discussion and planning to determine the most appropriate siting of a new facility", he said.

Mr McAuliffe said WAMIA had already acquired the Muchea land and was now preparing to call public tenders for the construction of the new facility.

It is hoped that construction will start by about March 2007 with an estimated completion date of June 2008, although efforts will be made to accelerate completion of the facility.

Mr McAuliffe said the sale of the Authority's remaining land holdings at Midland would not only provide sufficient funds to complete the Muchea facility without any cost to the taxpayer, but also provide additional funds to assist in necessary upgrading of facilities at Katanning and Plantaganet and development of a single South West cattle facility.

Mr McAuliffe paid tribute to the dedication of board members of WAMIA and the staff of the Authority in the planning of the Muchea facility which has involved considerable study and complexity.

The Board of WAMIA will proceed to call tenders early in the New Year.

Anyone seeking to know more about the detailed, advanced planning for the Muchea facility is welcome to contact Dave Saunders at the Western Australian Meat Industry Authority on 9274 7533.

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