

GRACEMERE SALEYARDS

Supporting cattle farmers in the beef capital.

The Gracemere Saleyards is one of the largest livestock exchange facilities in Queensland. It supports hundreds of cattle farmers, with 120,000 cattle sold here annually. It's regarded as one of the best centres for stud cattle sales in Australia.

There have been significant upgrades recently, with \$12 million in upgrades already taking place to enhance the reputation of this facility.

The next phase in the Gracemere Saleyards upgrade will cost approximately \$5 million, and will provide:

- A new selling area roof;
- Safety improvements;
- Animal welfare improvements; and
- An improved user experience.

Roofing the Saleyards is expected to improve efficiency and increase sales capacity to 130,000 cattle per year. Improvements will also mean better animal welfare, and may mean a higher price for sellers.

The Gracemere Saleyards is owned by Rockhampton Regional Council and operated by Rural Livestock Exchanges through its CQLX subsidiary.

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Support farmers, improve animal welfare

Roofing and other improvements to the current saleyards will not only enhance animal welfare, but also mean a higher price per head and more sales overall.

ELECTION COMMITMENT

\$5 million

To undertake roofing and animal welfare upgrades to the Gracemere Saleyards.

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SUPPORTING FARMERS

The upgrades included in this project will mean:

- Increased turnover for beef producers;
- Better infrastructure for hundreds of local cattle farmers;
- More opportunities for employment;
- Reduced shrinkage of cattle;
- Increase in site reputation;
- Capacity for more uses including equine sales;
- Better risk management for stud sales and rain events;
- Ability to harvest clean, reusable water;
- Ability to install large scale solar for clean energy production;
- Better fatigue and heat management; and
- Improved animal welfare.

BENEFITS



ECONOMIC

Construction of the roof is expected to have a local impact of \$7.95 million, with an ongoing \$13.25 million each year from increased sales.



JOBS

Construction is expected to create 24 jobs locally, with an ongoing benefit of 129 additional jobs locally.



NATIONAL

The value added to the national economy through this project is modeled to be more than \$11 million each year.

