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Dear Mr Pollard

On behalf of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF), we would like to express our sincere gratitude for your engagement and contribution to the North West Animal Industries Recovery Working Group. All members of the working group have made highly valuable contributions that have significantly assisted with disaster response and recovery efforts after north-west Queensland was exposed to a Monsoonal trough in early 2019.

The collaboration between local, state, and federal government and industry within the working group was exemplary. Together, the group demonstrated what can be achieved through teamwork, a collective vision, and commitment to practical outcomes.

During the initial disaster response phase, the working group addressed an immense amount of work surrounding carcass disposal and public infrastructure repairs, while identifying and investigating solutions to a broad range of problems.

Moving forward, we suggest making direct contact with DAF through the established communications channels the working group helped strengthen. DAF are happy to assist connecting you with relevant State Government agencies as needed.

Once again, thank you for your continued engagement and collaboration throughout the duration of the working group.

Yours sincerely

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