

<b>COUNTRY LIBERALS</b>	
	<b>MEDIA RELEASE</b>
	<b>LIBERALS CONDEMN BEEF EXPORT BLANKET BAN</b>
	<b>Terry Mills MLA</b>
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	<p>The Liberal Party has done what the ALP has stubbornly refused – taken a strong stand against the blanket ban on live beef exports to Indonesia.</p> <p>Opposition Leader Terry Mills said the Liberals this morning passed a motion condemning the blanket ban on live beef exports and calling for the resumption of exports to Indonesian abattoirs that meet Australian standard slaughter practices.</p> <p>Mr Mills, who spoke in favor of the motion at today's Federal Council meeting in Canberra, said Prime Minister Gillard's decision to ban live exports to Indonesia was an attack on a key northern Australian industry.</p> <p>'Treasurer, Delia Lawrie, has admitted the decision was done without consultation with the Territory,' Mr Mills said.</p> <p>'Federal Labor has sacrificed a key northern Australian industry to keep the Greens on side.</p> <p>'Anybody who saw the vision of animal cruelty on the Four Corners program would have been shocked, but it's wrong to suggest inhumane practices exist in all Indonesian abattoirs.'</p> <p>The Federal Council unanimously supported a motion condemning the ban.</p> <p>'The Labor Party appears split on the issue of live exports, with the Western Australian branch considering a motion opposing the ban,' Mr Mills said.</p> <p>'Unfortunately Territory Labor has not effectively opposed the blanket ban, with Paul Henderson meekly standing behind Julia Gillard and Agriculture Minister, Joe Ludwig.</p> <p>'As well as criticising Independent politicians Nick Xenophon and Andrew Wilkie, Paul Henderson also needs to send a much stronger message to the Federal Labor Government that its attack on northern Australia is wrong.'</p> <p>Country Liberals President Sue Fraser-Adams was also invited to speak at the Federal Council and gave a passionate speech in defence of live exports and the thousands of Territorians directly impacted by the ban.</p> <p>Further comment: Terry Mills 0418 833 594</p>