

Australia's National Beef Exposition
7 May to 12 May 2012



**James Lawrence Pavilion
Bos Taurus Room**

**Thursday 10 May 2012
11.30 am to 1.30 pm**

Advances in Animal Welfare

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Australian beef producers have always been aware of their responsibilities for livestock welfare. However, increasing awareness among consumers is placing significant pressure on our livestock industries to improve animal welfare. The development of welfare standards and guidelines underpins access to overseas markets and reinforces Australia's international leadership in livestock welfare. Without such change, Australia risks losing consumer confidence and significant national and international markets.

This seminar will provide information on what the community expectations are for beef cattle welfare, the latest research findings that inform changes in cattle management and husbandry practices and the state-of-play with the development of the cattle welfare standards and guidelines.

Topics and speakers will include:

- Beef cattle production: Community expectations and future trends in animal welfare *presented by Melina Tensen, RSPCA Australia*
- Animal welfare science informing standards and guidelines *presented by Carol Petherick, QAFFI*
- Breeding poll cattle: the alternative to dehorning *presented by John Henshall, CSIRO*
- Progress on the development of the cattle welfare standards and guidelines *presented by Justin Toohey and Peter Hall, representing Cattle Council Australia*