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Mr Steve McCutcheon  
Chair - Technical Advisory Committee Secretariat, ASEL Review  
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Dear Mr McCutcheon

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on Stage 2 of the review of the Australian Standards for the Export of Livestock (ASEL).

The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries is currently considering policy around the provision of cattle pregnancy testing services by laypersons in Queensland. This consideration extends to alternatives to the existing direct accreditation models currently operating in the Northern Territory and Western Australia.

Unfortunately, our policy position will not be established by the time Stage 2 submissions close. However, we would welcome the opportunity to discuss our policy development process with the Technical Advisory Committee.

If you require further information, I encourage you to contact Patrick Bell, General Manager, Strategy and Legislation, Biosecurity Queensland in the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Furner', written in a cursive style.

**MARK FURNER MP**  
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