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Pederick welcomes resumption of export trade

The lifting of the live cattle export ban has brought a belated sigh of relief to graziers all over Australia says Opposition Agriculture spokesman Adrian Pederick.

Mr Pederick said he welcomed the news of the change and hoped cattle farmers would be able to get through until the trade gets back up to speed.

'While I welcome the lifting of the ban, I have to say I'm disappointed the matter was handled so badly in the first place.

'The way the federal Labor government dealt with this was clumsy and insensitive and has doubtless offended one of our nearest and most important neighbours.

'What was going on in some Indonesian slaughterhouses was totally unacceptable but it wasn't true of all facilities. The government's actions were an insult to those facilities and managers that were doing the right thing.

'Careful, considered decisions are important to ensure acceptable and sustainable standards and processes are observed. The welfare of Australian animals is paramount.'