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AMIC endorses the NSW Government's support for animal welfare training

The Australian Meat Industry Council (AMIC) supports the NSW Government's announcement to require and fund animal welfare training in all domestic abattoirs in NSW.

The NSW Government's decision recognises AMIC's strong support for competency based training of abattoir personnel responsible for the humane treatment of livestock.

Competency based training is a requirement of AMIC's *Industry Animal Welfare Standards for Livestock Processing Establishments*.

In the last three years over 300 personnel nationally have completed animal welfare officer training and each year around 150 new livestock handlers in the meat industry undertake livestock handling training.

These new arrangements announced by the NSW Government will contribute to the Industry led initiatives to further assist our industry in meeting Australia's animal welfare laws as well as the standards expected by the community.

AMIC recognises that the humane treatment of animals, expert animal welfare management and compliance with Australia's animal welfare regulations is the unconditional expectation of Australian consumers and our customers.

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