

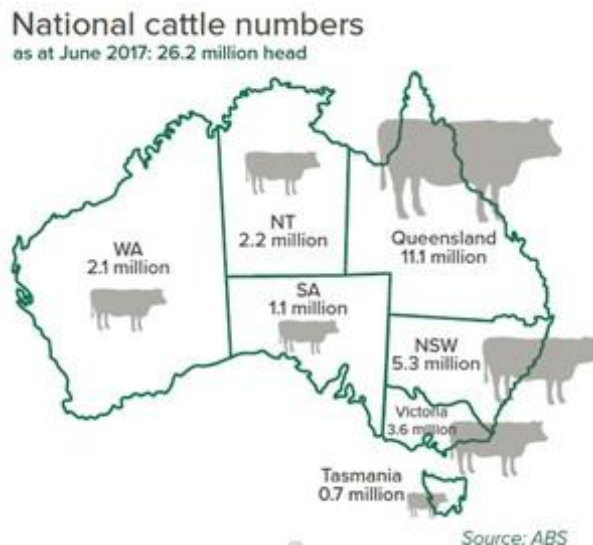


FARM TENDER



One man's pursuit of Flood and Drought insurance for Livestock

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Dear Fellow Australian Farmers,

My name is Brett O'Brien – I am Fellow of the Australian & New Zealand Institute of Insurance and Finance and 4th generation Australian Farmer.

My story is here: <https://www.obaconsulting.com.au/gallery/>

I write to you today as for the last 3 months I have endeavoured to push a movement for stock flood and drought insurance to be introduced into the Australian insurance market for Farmers. Importantly 2 things have happened in the last 2 weeks as follows:

1. The Insurance Council of Australia (ICA) provided comment to InsuranceNEWS.com.au on the subject as follows: <https://www.obaconsulting.com.au/insurance-news-industry-urged-to-back-flood-and-drought-cover-cover...>

2. On the 4th April 2019 OBA Consulting received a letter from The Hon David Littleproud, Minister for Agriculture & Water Resources – letter here: <https://www.obaconsulting.com.au/the-hon-david-littleproud-mp-response-to-oba-consulting-04-04-19/>

In my email to the The Hon Scott Morrison, Prime Minister of 26th of February 2019 I suggested the Government set up website similar to the following:

<http://nqhomeinsurance.gov.au/>

Per aforementioned letter from The Hon David Littleproud the Government has announced the North Queensland Livestock Industry Recovery Agency: <https://www.pmc.gov.au/domestic-policy/north-queensland-livestock-industry-recovery-agency>

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The North Queensland Livestock Industry Recovery Agency was announced by Prime Minister Scott Morrison on 1 March 2019 to assist with the immediate response, recovery and reconstruction efforts in support of North, Far North and Western Queensland communities affected by heavy rainfall and wide-spread flooding in early 2019.

This is a good outcome for Queenslanders yet more needs to be done to address this issue nationally:

In the course of the last 3 months, at my own expense, I have been in contact with the following persons / bodies (and several others):

Government:

- The Hon Scott Morrison;
- The Hon David Littleproud;
- The Hon Joel Fitzgibbon;
- The Hon Bob Katter;

Insurance:

- The Insurance Council of Australia;
- Rural figureheads of major Australian & International Insurers;
- Lloyds Australia and London;
- Steadfast;
- NIBA;

Agriculture:

- Meat & Livestock Australia;
- Angus Society of Australia;
- Cattle Council of Australia;
- Smithfield Cattle Company;
- AACo;
- National Farmers Federation;

In addition to the above I spoke with the ABC Landline program.

Thank you,

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