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Submission on the inquiry;; Requesting an audience with the Committee in Kununurra or Fitzroy crossing/Derby .

A) Management of the increase in the number of stock.

Generally rangeland grazing has not increased as has been assumed, particularly with developing live trade and now local markets. The continued flow of good quality cattle to markets is the aim of most pastoral leases.

Events such as the live trade ban and bjd may increase numbers in the short term. The principal cause of overstocking of pastoral leases occurs when that property management or lack of, allows stock numbers to exceed the recognized capacity for long periods of time, eg. feral horses on Lake Gregory /Mulan. Decisive action by the PLB, strong support from other government departments and no interference from people who live elsewhere and have no understanding of the reality, would resolve these issues.

B) In the past the Pastoral lease has been adequate for the cattle industry. For the region to move forward to its developmental potential with diversification the lease needs greater security, flexibility and with that incentive to invest. Diversification can work in perfect synergy with the pastoral side , providing sustainable land activities, employment and maximize regional development opportunities.

C) Granting and renewing pastoral leases.
We would hope that the renewing of pastoral leases is taken on sustainability and effort.

D) Proposed Pastoral Lease 2015
, Most pastoralists have accepted an offer for their lease to be rolled over in 2015 in 2000.
We would hope that this is honoured.

E) Issues of Concern,

Diversification permits and ilua need to belong to the lease not the lessors.

DEC lands are a risk of fire, breeding ground for ferels, there are issues on reclaiming stock, boundary fencing, there are only four locations of access on the Mt Hart /Silent grove lease.

Crown land is often left as a risk of fires and ferels. Encouragement needs to be given to have all crown land assessed for its development potential.

Pastoral Rents. The cost of an effective operation in an isolated area has increased substantially making the rent unreasonable.

Thank you for your time and look forward to speaking with you.

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