1. GENERAL DESCRIPTION

This hazard/activity addressed by this guide has a risk rating of High

Glen Innes Severn LGA has multiple roads upon which animals are transported. Transport accidents involving animals within Glen Innes Severn LGA require a coordinated response to manage health and safety of rescuers and public and maintain animal welfare.

Glen Innes Severn LGA had one transport accident involving animals that required management, in the past three years.

2. CONTROL

- The agency in control for this hazard is NSW Police Force (NSWPF)

3. COMMAND / CO-ORDINATION

- Agencies command their own resources under co-ordination of NSW Police Force Officer in charge.
- Agencies representing Agriculture and Animal Services Functional Area (AASFA) provide support
- Glen Innes Severn Council provides support through traffic management, coordination of/and animal disposal

4. TRIGGERS

These occurrences will trigger the activation of this guide:
- Confirmation of a transport accident involving animals that requires coordination to manage health and safety of responders and public and maintain animal welfare.

5. STRATEGIES

Strategy	Details
Maintain public safety	Ensure human safety including public egress and movement, traffic management and fire suppression etc.
Establish animal ownership	Establish and maintain contact with the 'person in charge of the animals'. If unable, make contact with inspectors under *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979* (POCTA) and/or veterinarians to address animal welfare. **NOTE**: all NSW Police Officers are inspectors under the POCTA legislation.
Maintain animal welfare	Contain straying and assess impacted animals. Rescue animals where safe to do so. Identify injured animals and if necessary, undertake humane destruction. Determine disposal options and safely dispose of animals.
Transport and management of remaining animals	Transport remaining animals if assessed as fit to transport.
SPECIAL NOTE: when dealing with animals of significant value e.g., Thoroughbred, show or competition horses or stud livestock.	It is recommended that a private veterinarian should be sourced through the AASFAC or the owner to provide specialist advice and animal assessment.

6. ACTIONS

Item	Responsibility	Actions/Details
Scene assessment and stabilisation	NSWPF SES FRNSW	Secure / stabilise accident scene and determine need for AASFA assistance to maintain animal welfare.
Public safety and rescue	NSWPF SES FRNSW	Local rescue arrangements apply. NSWPF may set up a command post and ensure all agencies wear appropriate tabards for identification.
Fire suppression	RFS or FRNSW	Local arrangements apply
Establish and maintain contact with 'person in charge of the animals'	NSWPF	'Person in charge of the animals' is to be notified and give consent to treat or destroy animals, and transport fit animals to another location. When the 'person in charge of the animals' cannot be notified, inspectors, veterinarians and competent persons ensure animal welfare.
Traffic management	NSWPF Transport for NSW Local Council	Glen Innes Severn Council to provide assistance as requested by NSWPF and Transport for NSW
Animal assessment	NSWPF AASFA	Source veterinarian or authorised inspector to assess animal condition and determine need for destruction. Source veterinarian to determine ability to transport. For accidents involving animals that require specialised skills (e.g. horses), alternate veterinarian (other than LLS) should be sourced.
Contain animals	AASFA Local Council	Straying animals must be mustered to prevent injury, loss and traffic accidents. Animals can be temporarily held on roadsides (portable yards), private land with permission of the owner (as there may be biosecurity issues) and travelling stock reserves with the permission of LLS. For accidents involving animals that require specialised skills (e.g. pigs, poultry) seek additional support from origin or destination of animals.
Treat animals	AASFA	Source veterinarian to assess animal condition and determine need for treatment on scene or transportation to alternate location to maintain animal welfare.
Large animal rescue	NSW SES VRA	Local arrangements apply
Destruction	AASFA NSWPF	Destruction of animals can be conducted without consent of 'person in charge of the animals' by inspectors (from NSW Police, RSPCA NSW, Animal Welfare League) and veterinarians where it is cruel to keep the animal alive in accordance with POCTA. Destruction of animals on animal welfare grounds can be conducted by an inspector, veterinarian and competent person when consent is available from the 'person in charge of the animals'.
Carcass collection	AASFA Local Council	Carcass collection and removal procedures, personnel and resources required will be affected by size, number and jurisdiction. Glen Innes Severn Council can provide advice, resources and access to disposal sites on a case-by-case basis. Private contractors can be used to collect and transport animal carcasses.
Disposal	AASFA ESFAC (NSW EPA) Local Council	Animal owners and managers have a legal responsibility to ensure that disposal of carcasses does not adversely affect the environment. NSW EPA has guidelines to minimise environmental contamination and should also be consulted for advice when considering options for disposal. Glen Innes Severn Council can also provide advice on how environmental impacts can be managed when considering options for carcass disposal.
Transport	Animal Owner NSWPF	Transport and management of remaining animals is responsibility of animal owner. Stock must be assessed as fit to transport. When in doubt, a veterinarian must be consulted and then only transport under veterinary advice.

7. RECOVERY

Welfare – each agency is responsible for the health and welfare of their own personnel.

NSWPF may be required to provide counselling services to other members of the public as required.

Livestock – owner or locally assisted recovery

LivestockASSIST

LivestockASSIST is a 24hr national hotline dedicated to coordinating emergency responses for incidents involving heavy vehicles carrying livestock including vehicle recovery, medical assistance, driver repatriation, trauma counselling and message referral services. The national number is: 1800 4 ALRTA (or 1800 4 25782).

LivestockASSIST – Australian Livestock & Rural Transporters Association (alrta.org.au)

Cost recovery - responding agencies/organisations are responsible for their own costs and cost recovery.

8. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- Glen Innes Severn Council EMPLAN
- Local Land Services Animal transport accidents policy
- Local Land Services Animal transport accidents procedure
- *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979 (POCTA)*
- Animal Carcass Disposal Prime Fact

10. DISPOSAL FACILITIES, SUPPORT / RESOURCES

Name	Type/Resource	Address/Contact
Glen Innes Severn Council	Carcass disposal	Glen Innes Severn Council by arrangement – 02 6730 2340 or 0428 692 105
Local Land Services	Portable sheep and cattle yards	Northern Tablelands LLS, 126-130 Taylor St, Armidale – 02 6770 2000
StockTrans	Livestock transport	Lot 3, Kilkenny Pl, Glen Innes – 02 6732 4999
Taylors Livestock & Heavy Haulage	Livestock transport	9272 New England Highway, Stonehenge – 0428 325 532
Nutrien Harcourts	Livestock agent	183 Grey St, Glen Innes – 02 6732 2288
Colin Say & Co	Livestock agent	118 Wentworth St, Glen Innes – 02 6732 1266
Elders Limited	Livestock agent	139 Meade St, Glen Innes – 02 6732 2500

9. STOCK HOLDING FACILITIES

Name & Address	Capacity
Glen Innes Showground, 10 Torrington St, Glen Innes – 02 6732 1744	300
Glen Innes Regional Saleyards, Cnr Lang St & Bradley's Lane, Glen Innes - 0409 324 741	As needed.

11. NOTES

Endorsed	LEMC Chair	LEOCON/Combat Agency
Date	24 5·24	James PARSONS Inspector – Glen Innes 22/5/2024