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Dear Mr Keynes *Joe*

### **Artisan on-farm meat processing on Kangaroo Island**

Thank you for your submission in response to the discussion paper –Artisan On-Farm Meat Processing on Kangaroo Island (KI). Your submission was forwarded to the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development for his consideration.

All submitters expressed support for some level of local meat processing on KI. There were a number of requests for funding feasibility studies to further investigate meat processing options on KI. BDO EconSearch will perform an independent economic assessment on options to provide a stronger information base for potential meat processing investors.

There was one suggestion to allow producers to supply private sales without holding accreditation and compliance to food safety standards. This suggestion is not supported, as it represents a food safety risk, which is not in compliance with national meat hygiene standards. These standards support public safety and maintain market confidence in the sale of meat throughout Australia.

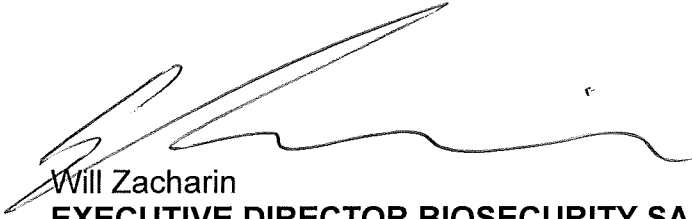
The *Primary Produce (Food Safety Schemes) Act 2004* and the *Primary Produce (Food Safety Schemes) (Meat) Regulations 2017* currently enable meat processing to be carried out on-farm, provided the producer or business holds accreditation and complies with meat food safety standards. It is more a question of what type of facility is established to support local processing.

Primary Industries and Regions SA (PIRSA) will support producers and potential businesses on KI through the provision of advice and information on the specific requirements for meat processing, including infrastructure and resource needs in order to assist businesses to determine the feasibility of any proposed operations.

There are a number of small kill facilities operating in South Australia and such a facility would provide access to local meat for a modest investment.

Face to face interviews will be arranged in order for the economic assessment of options for processing on the island.

Yours sincerely



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