



Comments on

Draft National
Feral Camel Action Plan

by

**SOUTH AUSTRALIAN FARMERS FEDERATION
(SAFF)
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

On

January 2010

CHAIR: Sharon Starick

Level 1, 67 South Terrace
Adelaide SA 5000

CONTACT: Natural Resources Executive Officer
Ms Sandra Keane
Email: skeane@saff.com.au

PO Box 6014
Halifax Street SA 5000
Telephone: (08) 8410 7233
Facsimile: (08) 8211 7303
Website: www.saff.com.au

Comments:

The South Australian Farmers Federation (SAFF) supports:

- An Action Plan which initiates a national approach to feral camel management.
- The long term goal of the Plan to get camels to a level where landholders can manage camel numbers on their properties.
- The proposed cull through the Caring for our Country funding.
- The overabundance approach requiring government intervention and funding.
- High level communication so communities can understand the urgency and why this Plan is needed.
- The placing of a monetary value on the costs of camels in the Plan.

The Federation deems the development of a camel industry not a current priority given the current abundance of camel numbers. There are also many issues around logistics, animal welfare and economics that would have to be resolved.

The Plan does not have any time frames of when actions are to be completed. There is no accountability if there are no time frames.

The Plan does not have any monitoring and evaluation to show that actions have occurred.