

Small-Scale Meat Processor Recommendations

Mr WINTER question to MINISTER for PRIMARY INDUSTRIES and WATER

Small-scale meat producers in southern Tasmania felt the pressure of repeated closures and a loss of access to their local abattoir. Across Tasmania, producers like them face continuous hurdles due to a fragmented regulatory system, overly complex planning rules and a prohibitive waste management threshold. They're not even allowed to sell their own meat processed on their property. Your document to support small-scale Tasmanian meat processors is a big disappointment to them. Despite identifying key recommendations to address these issues, including updating outdated waste definitions, providing clear guidelines for mobile processing and securing affordable local meat safety inspector training, it then points to resourcing and funding restraints as reasons not to progress reform.

Can you outline to these producers in my electorate when action will finally be taken to implement these vital recommendations so our local small farmers can get on with business?