

# News releases - Geoff Brock

## New saleyard for Crystal Brook

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A new sheep and lamb saleyard is set to be established at Crystal Brook, with support from a \$115,000 Upper Spencer Gulf and Outback Futures Program grant.

The new auction site will be leased by the Combined Independent Agents Association (CIAA). It will cater for demand from the prospering independent livestock agent sector.

The new saleyard – which will have the capacity to conduct individual sales of around 10,000 head of livestock comfortably – will draw stock from Eyre Peninsula, the northern agricultural zone and pastoral areas.

### **Background**

CIAA is the largest group of independent agents in South Australia.

It has more than 50 affiliated agents servicing the rural communities of South Australia and the Broken Hill district in New South Wales.

CIAA manages the collective yarding, auctioneering and settlement at the Dublin weekly livestock markets on behalf of its agents.

The \$2 million Upper Spencer Gulf and Outback Futures Program is a once-off grants program, which opened in November 2015 in recognition of the challenges brought about by the downturn of the resources sector and the closure of the Port Augusta power station and Leigh Creek coal mine.

The program supports the delivery of small projects contributing to the economic diversification, resilience and capacity building of Upper Spencer Gulf and Outback communities, creating sustainable economic benefits to the region and the State.

This project aligns with the State Government's economic priority of 'Premium food and wine produced in our clean environment and exported to the world'.

### **Quotes Attributable to Regional Development Minister Geoff Brock**

The creation of this new saleyard at Crystal Brook is in response to growing demand and is a great sign of the strength of the region.

The \$230,000 project will create 10 jobs during construction and one ongoing position once construction is complete.

The new saleyard will have a positive flow-on effect for the surrounding area, including an increase in visitor traffic on sale days in Crystal Brook and Port Pirie.

Projects awarded funding through the Upper Spencer Gulf and Outback Futures Program will stimulate new business activity, support stronger communities, and create job opportunities in the region.

### **Quotes attributable to Combined Independent Agents Association Director Wayne Hall**

Thanks to the grant from the Upper Spencer Gulf and Outback Futures Program, the saleyard project will be able to be completed in good time.

The saleyard will service more than 50 CIAA livestock agents that deal with more than 8,000 rural clients throughout South Australia and in Broken Hill.

This project will provide another valuable avenue for clients to market their livestock on a regular basis, as well as providing South Australian producers more opportunity to purchase livestock from locally bred producers.