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| **6. ACTIONS** | | |
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| **Item** | **Responsibility** | **Actions/Details** |
| Scene assessment and stabilisation | NSWPF  >>Primary Rescue<< | Secure / stabilise accident scene and determine need for AASFA assistance to maintain animal welfare. |
| Public safety and rescue | NSWPF  >>Primary Rescue<< | >>Local arrangements<< |
| Fire suppression | >>RFS or FRNSW<< | >>Local arrangements<< |
| 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  Roads & Maritime Services(RMS)  Local Council | >>Local arrangements<< |
| 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 are not livestock, 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, private land with permission of the owner (as there maybe biosecurity issues), and travelling stock routes with the permission of Local Land Services. |
| Treat animals | AASFA | Source veterinarian or authorised inspector to assess animal condition and determine need for treatment on scene or transportation to alternate location in maintain animal welfare. |
| Large animal rescue | >>NSW SES<<  >>RSPCA<< | >>Local arrangements<< |
| 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. Local council can provide advice, resources and access to disposal sites. 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. Local 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. |

| **1. GENERAL DESCRIPTION** |
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| **This hazard/activity addressed by this guide has a risk rating of >>INSERT<<.** |
| >>LGA<< has multiple roads upon which animals are transported. Transport accidents involving animals within >>LGA<< require coordinated response to manage health and safety of rescuers and public, and maintain animal welfare.  >>LGA<< has experienced >>NUMBER<< transport accidents involving animals that require management. |

| 1. **CONTROL** |
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| * The agency in control for this hazard is NSW Police Force |
| 1. **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 * >>Local Council provide support<< * >>Agencies to provide support<< |
| 1. **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** | |
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| **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. |
| 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. |

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| **7. RECOVERY** | **8. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS** |
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| **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). | * >>LOCAL EMPLAN<< * Department of Industry policy [Management of transport accidents involving animals](https://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0019/148402/TI-O-158-Management-of-animal-transport-accident-responses-policy.pdf) * *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979 (POCTA)* * [Animal Carcass Disposal Prime Fact](https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0005/798089/Primefact-Animal-carcass-disposal.pdf) * Local Land Services policy [Livestock Transport Incidents](https://www.lls.nsw.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0008/820862/LLS-Livestock-Transport-Incidents-Policy.pdf) * LLS Livestock transport incidents: Procedure * LLS Cost Recovery Policy |
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| **10. VULNERABLE FACILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE** | | |
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| **9. EVACUATION CENTRES** | |
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