



# Media Release

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## **Regional perspective essential on saleyards**

G21 has welcomed the City of Greater Geelong's willingness to consult with its partner G21 region councils on the future of the Geelong livestock saleyards.

G21 CEO Elaine Carbines said any decision by the City of Greater Geelong on the future of the saleyards should consider the needs of the whole G21 region.

"G21 recognises the ongoing importance of a saleyard to service Geelong and the wider region," Ms Carbines said.

"While retaining the saleyards in Geelong North remains an option, there are other possibilities which also need to be explored.

"Importantly, the outcome needs to be in the best interests of both our farmers and the region.

"A regional saleyard doesn't necessarily have to be within the City of Greater Geelong. Indeed, it may turn out that the region would be better served by a saleyards located elsewhere.

"The four other municipal councils within G21 are willing to work with the City of Greater Geelong in the best interests of the region.

"As the region grows and industries change it's necessary to examine the appropriateness of the current location of key infrastructure.

"Relocation to the Colac saleyards has been proposed as one possible option. This and other potential ideas all need to be considered.

“G21 believes a workable solution can be achieved with good-will and cooperation,” Ms Carbines said.

The five G21 member municipal councils are the City of Greater Geelong, Colac Otway Shire, Golden Plains Shire, Surf Coast Shire and the Borough of Queenscliffe.

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