



# Andrew Constance MP

## Minister for Finance and Services

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#### **SHEEP AND BEEF CATTLE INDUSTRY REBATE REOPENED**

Minister for Finance and Services Andrew Constance today announced the Sheep and Beef Cattle Industry Rebate will be reopened to help farmers adopt better work health safety procedures.

The safety rebate of up to \$2,000 became available in October 2013, with WorkCover so far receiving 1700 applications.

Due to the overwhelming interest shown by sheep and beef cattle farmers to improve safety on their farms, the NSW Government has decided to allocate additional funds to this important initiative, with the rebate to be available until the end of April 2014.

“There is no higher priority from a work health and safety perspective than reducing the high rate of accidents that are happening on farms,” Mr Constance said.

“There are too many deaths and too many injuries.

“Farmers have to be more conscious of the dangers their profession brings to their livelihoods.

“We are investing in this way to reduce the heartache caused by a farm death or injury.”

The rebate helps farmers who purchase items that address high risk safety issues on their farms.

“Sheep, beef and cattle farming is one of the State’s highest risk industries with 1,458 injuries and illnesses, including seven fatalities, occurring over the three years to July 2011,” Mr Constance said.

“The NSW Government is determined to ensure farmers are properly supported to provide better work health safety procedures, and that’s what this rebate is designed to do.”

Sheep and beef cattle farmers with questions about the rebate program can contact WorkCover on 13 10 50 or visit <http://www.workcover.nsw.gov.au/NEWLEGISLATION2012/YOUR-INDUSTRY/SHEEP-AND-BEEF-CATTLE-FARMING/Pages/default.aspx>