

## Australia equips Indonesia with 1M dose lumpy skin disease (LSD) vaccines

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A million doses of lumpy skin disease (LSD) vaccine have been provided by Australia to Indonesia, as the fight to protect our cattle industry from disease ramps up again in 2024. The final shipment of the Lumpyvax vaccines arrived in Indonesia late Dec 2023.

Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Murray Watt said aiding control of LSD in the region was a priority.

“LSD and foot-and-mouth disease remain significant threats to the biosecurity of Australia and our neighbours. As a result, it is imperative that we do everything we can to support Indonesia as they work to get this outbreak under control. Over the course of this year, we have supplied 1 million vaccines to our neighbours in Indonesia – vaccines that are now finding their way into Indonesia’s cattle population and protecting farmers’ livelihoods. Previous shipments have already been supplied to the Indonesian Ministry of Agriculture,” said Minister Watt.

Minister Watt further added LSD is spread by mosquitoes, biting flies and ticks, and severely affects cattle and water buffalo. It affects milk production and produces sores all over the bodies of infected animals. It can also seriously hamper trade. I must stress that Australia has never experienced an outbreak of LSD and remains free from this disease. It’s important that we work together with our neighbours to get this disease under control, while also taking steps to make sure we keep Australia safe and LSD-free.”