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TRUCK WASHES TO IMPROVE BIOSECURITY IN TASMANIA

The Federal Liberal and Nationals Government is investing $4 million to construct a series of truck washes and effluent dumping facilities in King Island, Smithton, Devonport and Burnie.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development Michael McCormack said the facilities will improve biosecurity and welfare outcomes for livestock.

“By reducing the spread of disease and weeds during transport, the truck wash will also help the state’s livestock and broader agricultural industries and communities thrive and grow,” Mr McCormack said.

Liberal Senator for Tasmania Richard Colbeck said this important infrastructure project will improve farm hygiene.

“This project is a great example of what can be achieved when the Government works together with local communities, agribusiness, transporters and farmers to support growth in our local livestock sector,” Senator Colbeck said.

The Nationals’ Senator for Tasmania Steve Martin said the wash-down stations will be state-of-the-art,

“Tasmania’s farming and agricultural sector is one of the state’s main economic drivers, with exports to the rest of the world continuing to grow,” Senator Martin said.

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