

MEDIA RELEASE



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
January 4, 2018

MEDIA STATEMENT ON FIRE AT MURRAY BRIDGE

Thomas Foods International wishes to thank the State's emergency service crews for their rapid response and outstanding efforts in helping contain the fire at our Murray Bridge processing facilities.

Thankfully, and most importantly, all staff on site at the time of the fire were evacuated safely and promptly, which is testament to the safety procedures we have in place at Murray Bridge and the professionalism of our internal response team.

Management also acted swiftly to ensure all livestock were safely relocated.

Personally I've also been heartened by the large number of messages of support we've received from the local community, our customers and industry.

We're currently assessing the damage caused by the fire and it's still too early to tell the full extent.

The safety and wellbeing of all our staff is our highest priority.

Staff will not be returning to the site until it has been declared completely safe to do so. Our management is working closely with the relevant authorities in that regard and we are keeping all our staff notified. The company will continue to stand by and support our staff including providing access to counselling services.

Our company has already begun making alternative processing arrangements across our group operations and networks to continue to manage our customer requirements.

Thomas Foods International is a resilient company and we're committed to our world-class operations at Murray Bridge.

Once we have a full understanding of the nature of the damage we will begin planning the necessary repair work to ensure the site is back to capacity in processing the highest quality Australian meat for our national and export markets as soon as possible.

Darren Thomas
Chief Executive Officer
Thomas Foods International