

Media Response

2 May 2025

Please attribute the following response to Greater Dandenong City Council Executive Director Community Strengthening, Peta Gillies:

I can confirm that this property does fall within the Greater Dandenong City Council area.

However, we have not been notified of any incidents involving cows being starved on this property. Our Animal Rangers have attended the property in recent weeks due to reports of cows having gotten out. During these visits, we confirmed that all seven cows were of a healthy size and their condition was not a concern to our Animal Rangers.

It is important to note that the Greater Dandenong City Council Animal Rangers are not authorised under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act (POCTA). Therefore, any community concerns regarding animal cruelty are redirected to the RSPCA, which is the appropriate authority to handle such matters.

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Media Enquiry

1 May 2025

From Channel 7 News Melbourne

I am working on a story about cattle cruelty at a property in Lyndhurst, where cows have been starved and left to die in inhumane conditions.

Address is 885 Thompson's road - I'm told it just falls within Greater Dandenong council area

Locals have reported their concerns to the Department of Agriculture, and the Ag Minister, police and the RSPCA.

I'm told council officers may have also attended the property recently as part of the investigation.

Can you please confirm if council is investigating?

Any information you can provide is helpful.