

# Rinehart's big spend on welfare

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THE Territory's largest landholder, Gina Rinehart, has outlined a multimillion-dollar investment in animal welfare and technology in the Kidman cattle empire ahead of the first anniversary of her takeover.

Mrs Rinehart has detailed improvements including erecting shade cloth over cattle yards and water troughs, installing more water points and adding digitalised UHF communications systems.

The latter enables remote staff to email, text and make phone calls while working far from the office.

Kidman runs 163,000 beef cattle — with a target of 170,000 this year — over 11 pastoral properties and a feedlot, covering 80,000sq km across three states and the Northern Territory.

Mrs Rinehart became Kidman's principal owner and chairman on December 20 last year, when the sale price of \$386.5 million was transferred by Australian Outback Beef joint venture partners, Hancock Prospecting and Chinese company Shanghai CRED.

Mrs Rinehart has bought large swathes of Territory land throughout the past two years.