



# National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

## Top priorities

| Topic  | Summary   | Timeline   |
|--|---|--|
| <b>Regulations</b>                             | To work with MPI to develop and implement animal welfare regulations  | MPI's regulatory programme continuing through 2020                               |
| <b>Poultry</b>                                 | To recommend new standards & regulations for meat chickens and layer hens, particularly breeder birds   | To be considered in 2019 – 2021<br>Broiler breeder code consultation during 2020 |
| <b>Exhibition, entertainment and encounter</b> | Publish the NAWAC position on the use of animals in exhibition, entertainment and encounter   | Consultation early 2020<br>Advice to Minister by end 2020                        |
| <b>Wildlife</b>                                | To consider issues relating to animals in a wild state, including trapping, hunting and killing. Publish humane vertebrate pest control guideline | Advice on snares to Minister 2020  |
| <b>Fish</b>                                    | NAWAC to learn about aquaculture in New Zealand in order to inform next steps   | Site visit 2020  |

## Animal welfare issues under management

| Topic                                       | Summary  |
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| <b>Farrowing crates</b>                     | Potential actions to be taken by Committee dependent on Primary Production Select Committee response   |
| <b>Fractures in dairy cattle</b>            | Dairy NZ to provide further information  |
| <b>Animal sentience and the 'good life'</b> | Integrate new research into positive mental states in animals into standards. Encourage use and understanding of the term 'sentience'.                           |
| <b>Mātauranga Māori</b>                     | Subcommittee formed to continue to discuss and integrate findings from workshop in 2019.   |
| <b>Greyhounds</b>                           | Ongoing presence on welfare committee and contribution to welfare policies   |
| <b>Rodeos</b>                               | Ongoing presence on welfare committee and contribution to welfare policies   |
| <b>Veterinary paraprofessionals</b>         | Liaise with veterinary profession and MPI regarding possible animal welfare impact of current regulatory structure when it comes to veterinary paraprofessionals |
| <b>Cetaceans in captivity</b>               | Examine New Zealand's legislation regarding cetaceans in captivity and ensure it is fit for purpose in terms of animal welfare                                   |