



National Animal Ethics Advisory Committee

NAEAC is a statutory committee, established under the Animal Welfare Act 1999 and supported by the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI). NAEAC's role is to advise the Minister for Primary Industries on welfare issues arising from the use of live animals in research, testing and teaching (RTT). Its other functions include giving advice on the codes of ethical conduct that govern live animal use in RTT and providing information to the bodies that administer the codes (animal ethics committees (AECs)). NAEAC holds four quarterly general meetings each year and special meetings when required.

Selected items discussed at the 17 November 2016 general meeting included the following:

- **Code of ethical conduct template:** The NAEAC member responsible for this piece of work had been unable to attend the meeting to provide an update on the guidelines and template. It was recalled that AECs had been invited to comment on the draft and any feedback from AECs would need to be incorporated into the final draft before it was published.
- **MPI's magazine *Welfare Pulse*:** The following topics for articles were identified for future issues of MPI's online magazine *Welfare Pulse*: NIWA and shark research; schools and their participation in science fairs; and emergency procedures (in light of the recent Kikouira earthquakes).
- **NAEAC occasional paper series:** The committee resolved to publish the paper titled *Animal Models and Drug Discovery: How Can We Improve the Outcome*, as the 13th paper in NAEAC's occasional paper series. The next occasional paper would cover the topic of remote monitoring.
- **Recent presentations and attendance at conferences:** The day after the August general meeting, some NAEAC members had attended a meeting with the Australian and New Zealand Council for the Care of Animals in Research and Teaching at the Royal Society of New Zealand. Various items of business were discussed including the development of a New Zealand concordat (which was progressing slowly) and a training module for New Zealand Veterinary Association nominees on AECs.

One NAEAC member had attended a meeting in which the group called Zero Invasive Predators had presented on their work which included supporting technologies to completely remove rats, possums and stoats from mainland areas.