

Pork

Animal Health

Veterinary Services

That the Association seek that NSW Agriculture re-employ a specialist pig veterinarian to establish a herd monitoring scheme similar to South Australia and Victoria to help detect new and undesirable diseases earlier.

That the Association seeks that the NSW Department of Agriculture should reinstitute a health monitoring scheme at abattoirs either with departmental veterinarians or private practitioners.

That the Association urge the Federal Government not to sign the Australian European Veterinary Agreement while Classical Swine Fever (CSF) and Porcine Respiratory and Reproduction Syndrome (PRRS) are in epidemic proportions in Europe or until adequate safeguards are put in place.

That the Association works with the Department of Agriculture to provide the Pig Industry with a specialist pig Vet to provide the following:

- (a) phone contact;
- (b) regular updates;
- (c) provision for farm visits;
- (d) disease seminars.

That the Association ask the APL to consider providing a scholarship funding to encourage specialist vets to enter the industry.

Animal Welfare

Abattoir

The Association seeks that a provision should be inserted, on animal welfare grounds, in all slaughter Industry Awards whereby stock at abattoirs or which are in actual transit thereto at the announcement of strike action must be killed prior to the strike commencement.

That the Association seeks that a 48 hour notice clause should be inserted In all slaughter Industry Awards so that employers are aware of intended stoppages and can take appropriate action to protect the welfare of slaughter stock.

Codes of Practice

That NSW Pork lobby for the provision that all sow stalls meeting the standard in the proposed new model code of practice for pig welfare have a commercial life of twenty (20) years from the date of commissioning.

That NSW Pork support APL's position on sow stalls of ten (10) weeks in stalls with a change over time of fifteen (15) years.

Drought and Natural Disaster

General

That NSW Pork seek NSW Farmers' Association to lobby for drought proofing through taxation relief.

Education

Tertiary Education

The Association supports the following:

- (a) a basic pig training course, through TAFE, for people wishing to enter the industry; and
- (b) a comprehensive national pig industry training programme.

Food Safety

Meat Inspection

That the Association take all steps necessary to insure QA Standards for meat quality are applied at abattoirs.

That the Association ask Ausmeat to improve software in abattoirs to allow individual owners IDs to be recorded on kill sheets by computer.

That the Association seek that Safe Food Production NSW conduct an audit of transport and handling of meat and meat by-products from abattoirs to retailers and consumers to ensure maintenance of high hygiene standards.

That the Association seeks that AUSMEAT should regularly monitor the trim used in abattoirs for non-standard carcasses to ensure it is carried out correctly in line with AUSMEAT description.

Meat Inspection

matrix and provide producers with the uniform feed-back information as provided for by AUSMEAT.

The Association strongly supports AUSMEAT and its role in the Pork Industry.

Meat Processing

That the Association request that AQIS assist and encourage abattoirs to upgrade to export standards for pig kills and NSW processing capacity also be upgraded to allow both processing and slaughter for export to be undertaken by independent export accredited facilities within the State.

Industry Quarantine

Foot and Mouth Disease

That in light of FMD, the Association put pressure on the State Government for more funds for a specialist pig veterinarian and veterinary testing facilities.

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That the Association seek:

(a) The importation of porcine genetic material should be based on sound scientific principles and on the basis of minimal disease risk to the industry.

(b) Any decision to relax restrictions on the importation of porcine genetic material should be based on allowing a 'window of opportunity' with definite time constraints and determined in open consultation with industry.

International Trade

Import Risk Assessment

That NSW Pork:

a) continue to lobby to eliminate scientifically biased import risk assessment

b) where insufficient science exists then NSW Pork to lobby for the precautionary principle.

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That NSW Farmers' Association oppose the imports of pork from 'non-level playing field sources.'

Livestock Marketing

Exporting Livestock

That NSW Farmers' Association seek that State and Federal Governments implement the Inland Marketing Corporation (IMC) for export of agricultural produce including pork.

Grading

That the Association seek that AUSMEAT establish a standard grading grid on a national basis for pigmeat.

That NSW Farmers' Association seek that all pig prices including backfatter quoted on 'Standard Trim 1'.

Labelling

That NSW Pork request that Australian Pork Industry Quality Program (APIQ) include the potential for labelling as a quality assured product that includes animal welfare.

That the Association:

(a) pursue the implementation of a labelling system for all food products that allows the country of origin of its essential character to be easily determined by the consumer;

(b) encourage all relevant marketing organisations in Australia that use levy funds to give priority to 'buy Australian' activities wherever imports are significant.

That the Association seeks that in relation to the labelling of pigmeat products, product labelled with 'Product of Australia' be 100% Australian grown pork.

"The enforcement of the Country of origin labelling by the NSW Food Authority be pursued by the NSW Pork Industry Taskforce and the NSW Pork Committee"

That the Association seeks to ensure that the Australian and New Zealand Food Authority monitors the laws regarding product labelling to ensure they are being adhered to and imposes severe penalties when breaches occur.

Livestock Traceability

That NSW Pork endorses a National Livestock Identification Scheme (NLIS) for pigs along the model outlined

Livestock Traceability

below:

- (a) use of the existing slap branding technique;
- (b) use of a Property Identification Code as "the brand";
- (c) use of a database that records the PIC matched to owner details;
- (d) use of movement declarations in paper format; and
- (e) work towards focusing sales through only nominated, registered, supervised and audited saleyards.

That any pigs not going to slaughter and changing ownership be identified, the remainder be slap branded.

Over the Hooks

That the Association do everything possible to assist in the development of export abattoirs and boning rooms throughout NSW.

Peak Industry bodies

Australian Pork Limited

That the NSW Pork Producers Committee request Australian Pork Limited to liaise with AQIS to investigate the entry of people into Australia through Immigration and Customs entry checkpoints.

That the Association seek that the APL should provide full itemised annual accounts to all registered pig producers.

That the NSW Farmers' Association ask Australian Pork Limited to survey abattoir unloading and lairage standards to ensure that they meet Australian Pig Industry Quality standards on a national basis.

That the NSW Pork Producers Committee:

- (a) request Australian Pork Limited to research the number of castrate and chemical castrate male pigs delivered for export;
- (b) recommend and promote castrates for domestic markets;
- (c) recommend to Australian Pork Limited that they set a date (within a year) when there is to be no pork or bacon entire males for slaughter.

That APL direct more resources to explore market options and actively market Australian Pork in Asia

That NSW Pork request that APL make APIQ membership or participation in a relevant QA program (for food safety, biosecurity and animal welfare) compulsory for all pig farms and that producers be audited at their own expense.

That the Association nominate at least one representative for the Australian Pork Limited (APL) Board on an annual basis.

That the Association seek that Australian Pork Limited (APL) should inform producers at least six (6) months prior to any meeting called to approve/disapprove an increase in levies;

That NSW Pork seek APL funding to disseminate the findings of the NSW Pork WorkCover workshop of February 2006 to producers.

It was resolved that NSW Pork request APL to adopt the APIQ transport from farm form as the pig movement notice nationally.

That the Association seek that Australian Pork Limited (APL) should:

- (a) seek to improve industry quality assurance standards in areas such as packaging and presentation;
- (b) monitor the adherence to general specifications in relation to all pork and pork products;
- (c) provide quantitative and qualitative data, with which producers are able to objectively measure the effectiveness of APL.

That the NSW Pork Producers Committee requests the Australian Pork Limited to convene with the Federal Government on compensation rulings to breeders and growers in the event of an exotic disease outbreak in Australia.

"NSWPork support APL in it's opposition to mandating of ethanol within Australia."

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Biosecurity

That the Pork Committee of NSW Farmers' Association ask the NSW Farmers' Association Executive Council to oppose the closure of diagnostic laboratories.

Budgetary

That the Pork Committee of NSW Farmers' Association ask the NSW Farmers' Association Board to review the decision to decrease the Exotic Disease, Quarantine, Plant and Animal Health Committee's budget from \$16,000 in

Budgetary

2008 to \$5000 in 2009.

Committee Structure

"That the NSW Pork Committee is increased from 6 to 7 members"

Communication

That the NSW Farmers Pork Committee investigates the possibility of holding more information days. (Similar to the ones that used to be held at Forbes).

Environment

That the NSW Pork Producers Committee asks the Federal Government:

- (a) to consider the protocol for the export of feral pigs;
- (b) the policy on the eradication of feral pigs.

The Association work towards legislation to have all council and commercial tips securely fenced to prevent the entry of animals. Further to this, the surrounding areas of these tips to be adequately controlled of feral animals.

That NSW Farmers' Association seeks that:

- (a) when adopting guidelines for the management of odour from NSW piggeries, the EPA should adopt guidelines that are realistic and affordable to the industry, unlike the originally proposed licence management fees, which would have effectively closed down the industry;
- (b) the EPA recognise that the pig industry is a diffuse industry and odour models should be based on stack emission;
- (c) the odour units allowed, before affecting neighbours, should be greater than EPA recommendations because the pork industry is a country based diffuse industry; and
- (d) when urban developments encroaches on existing odour licence holders the EPA should ensure that the developer advises of the possible odour occurrence to buyers.

That the Association oppose current proposal on load based licensing and ensure that future proposals:

- (a) do not allow pig producers to be used to raise revenue for NSW Government.
- (b) define pollution (ie. nuisance leaving farm)
- (c) involve a polluter pay system
- (d) adopt a principle of no pollution no pay.
- (e) give due recognition to the geographic location of farms.

That the Association seek in every way possible to link EPA guidelines for piggeries to quantity of effluent produced rather than sow numbers.

Land Use Planning

That the Association endeavours to ensure that realistic Environmental Guidelines are produced in conjunction with the EPA. The Association shall ensure that these guidelines will be cost effective and allow efficient continuation and improvement of the agricultural pursuits.

"The NSW Pork Industry Taskforce be asked to educate councils on the MCOP, the value of pig production and the likely changes to pig sheds that may result from implementing the MCOP in order to reduce delays and costs for producers"

That the Association seek to develop in conjunction with the DUAP, EPA, and Local Government, a "buyer beware" policy and legally binding statements that can be used by local governments with State wide common guidelines to make prospective buyers in semi urban and rural areas aware of the normal impact of farming operations and social amenity issues associated with these operations.

That the NSW Pork Producers Committee endorses the "right to farm policy" and supports the action of NSW Farmers' Association in their odour and noise policy restructuring proposal.

Livestock Feed Grain Users Group

That NSW Pork advise NSW Farmers' Association of their support for the Livestock Feed Grain Users' Group policy on grain supply.

NSW Pork Industry Taskforce

"The NSW Pork Industry Taskforce be asked lobby the NSW Attorney General for animal enterprise protection legislation similar to that in the USA"

Swill Feeding

That APL and the NSW Farmers' Association use their best efforts to rectify the alarming situation of continued swill feeding in backyard pigs by significant fines of \$30,000 for unlicensed keepers of pigs.

Swill Feeding

feeding to \$100,000. The Act should also include uncooked animal

Quarantine bodies

AQIS

That NSW Farmers' Association seek that the Federal Government ensure the AQIS staffing level is sufficient to maintain sound compliance of imported and domestic pig meat standards.

That the Association increase the pressure on the Federal Government and Australian Quarantine Inspection Service (AQIS) for "zero tolerance" with regard to exotic diseases of livestock.

Quarantine Structure

That NSW Pork support Australia's quarantine agencies becoming combined in a statutory authority

Quarantine Capacity

Resourcing

That the Association ensure trained personnel are available to assist members with legal advice and in completing forms associated with Exotic Disease Outbreaks and, if possible on-site assistance

Statutory Body

Functions

That the Association demand that NSW Agriculture replace officers that have been promoted or left with officers of similar qualifications, given critical staff shortages in the Pork Section.

Marketing and Promotion

That the Association seek that the PRDC and the APC to promote to wholesalers the following:

- (a) meat produced under QA standards;
- (b) meat produced using improvac or similar products.

Research and Development

The Association seeks that the PRDC should give higher priority to research concerning pig shed environment.