

Animal Welfare

Animal Rights

Animal Law

05 Oct EC That Commodity Committees, as a matter of urgency, encourage research bodies to fund the development of papers of an academic standard suitable for Masters level study to assist in balancing the supporting material for the course content in existing and future animal law courses.

Guiding Principle

05 AC That the Association adopt a more active role in developing strategies, such as enlisting the support of all animal husbandry groups to counter the impact of extremist animal rights groups such as People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

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Animal Enterprise Protection Legislation

07 Mar EC That the Association seek progression of animal enterprise protection legislation, in broad terms based on the American legislation, covering animal welfare, economic and biosecurity considerations and that perpetration of these offences be regarded as a criminal act with adequate penalties and enabling the enterprise owners to seek financial compensation.

Animal Welfare Advisory Council (AWAC) NSW

AW 3 The AWAC should continue in its Ministerial advisory function, in its education and awareness role and in relation to existing and proposed legislation.

Communication

AW6 The reasoned arguments on current farm practices should be disseminated to raise the community's awareness and facilitate greater mutual understanding between city and country as society becomes more urbanised.

Cross Industry Body for Animal Welfare

AC 08: That the Association provide support for the formation of a cross industry body allying dependent organisations to pursue the interests and rights of all farm animal industries by combating both current and future radical domestic and international welfare groups.

Electric Device

03 Apr EC That appropriate sections of POCTA Act be amended to allow for selective use of electronic collars particularly in relation to farm working dogs and that maximum electronic discharge capacity for electronic collars be defined.

Guiding Principle

05 Oct EC That the Association seek:

(a) To reassure the market by:

- i. endorsing voluntary self regulatory animal welfare programs to progress best practice management;
- ii. supporting minimum standards of animal management necessary to maintain basic animal health needs

(b) To achieve sustainable animal welfare improvements by:

- i. pursuing objective and unbiased scientific measurement of minimum standards as is the case with animal disease;
- ii. pursuing interpretation of objective and scientific measurement at the herd or flock level rather than at the individual animal level.

(c) To achieve animal welfare decision making mechanisms that reflect the credibility of the participants by:

- i. excluding from the decision making table animal rights groups who have forfeited any right to make decisions on behalf of livestock industries because they do not believe in the existence of livestock industries;
- ii. supporting wide consultation bounded by clear frameworks and tight timelines.

(d) Ensure the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Australia, Animal Health Australia and Meat and Livestock Australia coordinate their animal welfare research efforts.

AW1 That the Association encourage and promote to its members the need to apply a high standard of animal welfare and support further research into viable alternative livestock management practices.

Live Export

99 Feb GC That the Association call for a total QA program from farm gate to port of destination audited by

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independent third party auditors in regard to live cattle exports.

Pain Relief

That NSW Farmers' Association lobby to seek the registration of local topical anaesthetic for the use in multiple species (in particular meat producing animals) for surgical procedures. Also lobby NFF and Peak Livestock Industry Councils for support.

Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act (POCTA)

97 May GC That Section 8 of POCTA Act be amended to recognise that there will always be extenuating circumstances beyond the control of farmers including drought, fire, flood and extremes of climate which may compromise the ability to provide sufficient food, water and shelter.

Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA) NSW

Communication

06 Mar EC That the Association conduct a campaign to increase the number of NSW Farmers' Association members who have membership of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

06 Mar EC That the Association encourage branches and request Regional Service Managers to become personally involved at fact to face meetings with the staff of the NSW Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.