



## National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

The National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (NAWAC) is an independent statutory committee, established under the Animal Welfare Act 1999 to advise the Minister for Primary Industries on animal welfare matters. Its functions include recommending codes of welfare for issue, and making recommendations on legislative proposals including regulations relating to surgical procedures and traps and devices, and identifying research needs. It also promotes the development of guidelines for the use of traps and devices, and hunting and killing animals in a wild state.

Key items discussed at the 15 August meeting were:

- **Regulations and codes** – The 2018 animal welfare regulations make changes to codes of welfare. Changes include amendments as required by the regulations themselves (see Schedule II of the 2018 regulations); changes to guidance to match new requirements; and changes to formatting, web links, or updating names and references. NAWAC agreed to changes to all 17 of the codes of welfare.
- **Farrowing crates** – NAWAC received an update on the progress of the petition by SAFE to ban farrowing crates.
- **Rodeos** – NAWAC received an update from the subcommittee, who met with the Rodeo Cowboys Association to discuss the recommendations made and how they will be implemented.
- **Animal welfare framework** – NAWAC discussed the new framework for animal welfare, released by the Minister responsible for animal welfare following the animal welfare hui. NAWAC discussed all aspects of the framework and how they could contribute.
- **Tutorials** – NAWAC received a presentation by MPI Compliance on statistics and discussed new topics for future presentations.
- **Next meeting** – Next meeting is 13 November.