

NAWAC Pig Subcommittee

Friday 26 February 2021

0900 – 1630

Date:	Friday 26 February 2021
Time:	0900 - 1630
Location:	Room 1.01, Charles Fergusson Building, Wellington
Attendees	
Members:	NAWAC Subcommittee Members (Chair Included)
MPI Secretariat:	MPI Representatives
Invited Speaker:	University of Melbourne Representative
Apologies:	Invited Speaker University of Melbourne Representative

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	Topic	Lead	Time	Room
1.	Opening and Karakia	Chair	0900	CFB 1.01
2.	Discuss feedback from NAWAC	Chair	0905	
3.	Reflect on Five Domains assessment	Chair	0930	
4.	Invited Speaker: Australia advice and recommendations	Invited Speaker	1100	
5.	Lunch		1200	
6.	Reflect on Five Domains assessment, and outline framework	Chair	1300	
7.	Closing		1630	CFB 1.01

Meeting Summary:

On Friday 26 February the NAWAC Pig subcommittee met in Wellington to discuss the Five Domains assessment further, and to meet with an international guest speaker to discuss the use of farrowing systems.

Some key points from the discussion with the University of Melbourne representative were:

- Loose farrowing systems provide some key benefits to both sow and piglets.
- Throughout a research project (yet to be published) observations were made of piglets becoming fearful of novelty and human presence as a consequence of high walls in the Pig SAFE design.
- Implementation of any new system will take time to become productive – both management practices and the animals need to adapt to the new system. Staff training programmes are important for the success of new systems.
- Health and Safety matters relating to sow aggressive will never be fully mitigated in any system

The framework for the Five Domains assessment was discussed and scoring sheets were developed and tested for the subcommittee to complete this assessment in the coming weeks.