

SAFE's Position on Farrowing Crates and Mating Stalls

Thursday 11 March 2021

1500 – 1512

Date:	Thursday 10 March 2021
Time:	3:00pm – 3:12pm
Location:	Teams Meeting
Attendees	
Subcommittee members:	NAWAC Pig Subcommittee (Chair Included)
MPI Secretariat:	MPI Representatives
Invited Guests:	SAFE Representative

Meeting Summary:

On Thursday 11 March the NAWAC subcommittee met with a representative from SAFE. The representative stated SAFE's position regarding the current use of farrowing crates and mating stalls. The main points to cover are as follows:

- Happy to see that NAWAC is taking urgent action on the matter
- The Government should be financially supporting farmers in the transition away from crates
- A transition period of five years is achievable with the aid of government support, should it be required. Extending the transition period will not be seen as an urgent response and will not be favoured by the public.
- Free range, and crate free farms are viable alternatives. Evidence of this has been shown in science, and can currently be seen in the New Zealand environment
- New Zealander's will be closely watching what happens with and over the transition period as they care about the animals involved.