



# National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

## General Meeting – Day 1

**Whaitua o rēhia:** Room 1.06 – 1 The Terrace, Wellington

**Rā:** 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023

**Tāima:** 09:00 – 16:30

## MENETI | MINUTES

**Komiti / Committee:** Matthew Stone (Kairuruku/Chair), Arnja Dale, Peter Mason, Grant McCullough, Tracy Brown, Mhairi Sutherland, Ruth Palmer, Craig Johnson, Sandra Faulkner (virtual)

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### Matangaro / Apologies:

Natalie Waran

### Any Other Business (Open to the Public):

### Any Other Business (Public Excluded):

## PART 1: OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

### GENERAL

#### O 1. Welcomes and Farewells

M Stone opened the meeting with a karakia at 9:08am. After many virtual meetings due to national events, the committee and other attendees were warmly welcomed to this in person meeting.

MPI staff, s9(2)(a), were welcomed and introduced.

s9(2)(a) has been with MPI for about a month. She has previously worked at Te Herenga Waka, Massey University and AgResearch in Palmerston North and looks forward to working with the committee.

s9(2)(a) will be working in the RTT space and as the NAEAC secretary. She will also provide support to s9(2)(a) at NAWAC general meetings.

s9(2)(a) from Animals Aotearoa and s9(2)(a) from the Royal New Zealand Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) were also welcomed as public observers for the open part of the agenda.

T Brown arrived at 09:12am and was welcomed to the committee, with this being her first general meeting due to the postponement from February.

M Stone formally acknowledged this being s9(2)(a) final meeting and recognised the amazing years of service that she has given to MPI. A big part of this has been working with the committees and contributing to the wider animal welfare work programmes. The committee expressed their appreciation and wished s9(2)(a) all the best for her future endeavours.

#### O 2. Confirmation of previous minutes

The documents [02.23; 03.23; 04.23] were circulated prior to the meeting and are taken as read.

**02.23 & 03.23** R Palmer asked that the minutes be updated to reflect wording in the Animal Welfare Act 1999 (the Act) in paragraph stating, "*M Stone confirmed NAWAC should always be considering science, practicality, and economic impact...*". Changes made to minutes by s9(2)(a) stated the intent that animal welfare should be the primary consideration by the committee, but economic impacts are also important, especially if there is potential for a large impact. A Dale affirmed that the decision is black and white in the regard that the committee is considering animal welfare first and foremost as per their primary function. R Palmer agreed. s9(2)(a) recommended to return to this discussion in relation to the review of the decision-making guidelines.

*Moved: (M Stone / C Johnson)*

*Minutes from 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022 are approved by the committee, with amendment.*

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*The motion was put: carried.*

**04.23** P Mason stated that these minutes were too short-hand and need to have more detail as they are public record. P Mason submitted agenda with edits in advance to s 9(2)(a). Committee reviewed edits together and made changes accordingly for language and ease of reading.

*Moved: (M Stone / P Mason)*

*Minutes from 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023 are approved by the committee, with amendments.*

*The motion was put: carried.*

### **O 3. Status of actions arising from previous meetings**

The document [05.23] was circulated prior to the meeting and is taken as read.

Committee reviewed actions. M stone noted correspondence from Salmon farm industry. Engagement is starting with industry who are keen for a salmon code of welfare (CoW).

Poultry Terms of Reference draft, prepared by the MPI secretariat, is ready to be circulated to the Poultry subcommittee (SC) when required.

### **O 4. NAWAC correspondence**

The document [06.23] was circulated prior to the meeting and is taken as read.

Committee reviewed correspondence.

M Stone has had various requests from the New Zealand Veterinary Association (NZVA) conference organiser in their forthcoming annual conference. Will be contributing to Sheep and Beef and Dairy sections on behalf of the committee. Noted that nothing will be shared above what is expected regarding NAWACs work programme and function. Noted that G McCullough, M Sutherland, and A Dale are planning to attend this.

M Stone provided the committee with an update regarding Farm Salmon Welfare standards. There has been dialogue around finfish welfare in the past. NZ Salmon farmers association has developed New Zealand Farmed Salmon Welfare Standards. This was submitted to NAWAC seeking support to turn into a CoW, which is a positive step. It was noted that these standards have not been structured as a CoW (with no clear minimum standards or recommended best practices) as required by the Act. The committee noted that they present more along the lines of a welfare assurance scheme, which isn't based off the intention to regulate. The committee stated their appreciation that the industry is forward thinking, so they want to provide encouragement.

M Stone noted that he is drafting a response with MPI secretariat to support this, but also specifies that for the committee to consider this in their work programme, it needs to be structured a certain way and highlights that the committee have a finfish CoW on their work programme already. The letter also outlines that the committee plan to discuss the scope of a finfish CoW with industry (trout for conservation purposes, yellow tailed finfish etc). This scope will influence the subsequent SC and working group.

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The committee discussed previous conversations regarding finfish. A Dale noted that there are currently SPCA standards for salmon. s9(2)(a) is aware of this as the SPCA work with him frequently.

M Stone questioned whether any analysis has been done on this potential CoW yet. It was agreed to continue this discussion under the work programme agenda item.

R Palmer stressed the importance of discussing finfish regarding climate change and what this means to the industry in general. A Dale noted that there are many non-isolated mortality events to be considered also. Committee noted that this issue is increasing on a national scale, and that animal welfare should be a consideration when consents are granted in areas where water temperature or other environmental aspects create animal welfare issues. M Stone noted that NAWAC has not been consulted during consenting processes and highlighted that the committee have an opportunity to develop a relationship with the Ministry of Environment to express that they would like their views heard when applications are submitted via their standard process (e.g., through local councils).

s9(2)(a) noted that there has been a long lead up to this point. When the committee have determined their priority under their work programme, s9(2)(a) can send correspondence along with previous conversations to build a picture of past discussions and other movements in this space.

**Action: Circulate letter from s9(2)(a) (Chair of New Zealand Salmon Farmers Association), response from M Stone on behalf of NAWAC and previous Finfish correspondence to committee.**

### O 5. MPI update and discussion

The document [07.23] was circulated prior to the meeting and is taken as read.

s9(2)(a) highlighted MPI staff movements as per the paper.

s9(2)(a) highlighted staff changes also outlined in the paper. s9(2)(a) has moved to Policy and Trade on a secondment but will still support current team. s9(2)(a) has taken up a part time role in Jo Luxton's office.

Major points from policy include:

- Livestock exports – last ship sailed 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023. There has been lots of correspondence due to National and Act policies that have been announced.
- CoW for Pigs – policy have been doing lots of work behind the scenes to meet the objective of submitting documents to cabinet before the election. Have not yet received feedback regarding where this sits on the government priority list. s9(2)(a) is happy to discuss this further during the Pig Code agenda item.
- Public consultation on dog tethering and subgingival dental procedures regulations was completed on 15<sup>th</sup> March. This was extended for some stakeholders who were impacted by Cyclone Gabrielle. Four regulations have been taken forward. There were no changes to subgingival dental procedures.

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Dog tethering submissions provided more complex feedback. Policy is currently developing the final papers to submit to cabinet. The timeline for this also depends on government priorities.

- It was previously forecast that a review of Animal Welfare Care and Procedure regulations would be undertaken. This is currently in the scoping phase and this has not been confirmed. Timeline for this to begin is likely later in the year and is anticipated to take several years to complete. Policy will consult with the committee during this process, as per usual.

M Stone opened the floor for questions and comments.

A Dale asked when NAWAC will receive an indication of policy work going to cabinet (regarding pigs and dog tethering and subgingival dental procedures regulations). s9(2)(a) noted that it will go forward as per their timeline, but ultimately it depends on cabinet as to whether these progress. The rules don't allow cabinet to make significant decisions three months prior to the election. Policy is aiming for several weeks before this cut off.

P Mason acknowledged the hard work that has gone into the transport code going online in the new format. One note for improvement is that the minimum standards (MS) can get a bit lost with the drop-down system.

M Stone informed the committee that he is presenting, along with s9(2)(a), at the upcoming Farm to Processer Animal Welfare Forum, Production Livestock Animal Welfare Workshop (18<sup>th</sup> May 2023). A Dale noted that she also plans to attend. Ministers O'Conner and Whaitiri have been invited, with Minister O'Conner's presence confirmed in the morning. M Stone will report back to the committee at the next meeting.

A Dale noted that chickens should be included in the scoping under verification services (VS) humane slaughter and stun recovery section.

**Action: request VS to report on halal stunning and slaughter issues for poultry.**

s9(2)(a) noted that she has been previously involved in halal stun recovery work. There is a notice that sets out framework for red meat but not for poultry. This is currently dealt with separately for poultry. She flagged that there are some parameters for red meat being looked at but that these same parameters aren't around for poultry at this stage.

s9(2)(a) noted that there is a programme of work to address this and is included on the list of issues to address when the Poultry codes are reviewed. Suggested that having VS report or come to a meeting is a great next step.

**Action: Note the committee's interest in this. Extend an invite to someone from VS to present at the upcoming general meeting.**

The committee discussed other aspects of the report that they had flagged and expressed their concern. This included cull cows going across Cook Strait, sheep giving birth on

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trucks, tail docking shorter than caudal folds and washing sheep. The significant number of day-old chicks transported via air was also noted.

The committee are happy to see the auditing carried out by VS.

S Faulkner expressed her thanks for this report. She noted her surprise that as an industry participant, there are still issues with tail docking length. This knowledge is well known up and down the east coast so questioned why there is a struggle in southland and whether there is a plan to address this.

M Stone noted that this falls to the safeguarding programme and VS to note tail docking length on arrival. s9(2)(a) agrees and noted that there has been a lot of work in this space to improve the situation and changes are likely to be most noticeable next season and current practice might be different to what the report shows due to being a season behind. s9(2)(a) also confirmed that there has been correspondence specifically with southland farmers.

Committee will take note as to whether this issue is included in the next MPI compliance annual report.

S Faulkner expressed that it will be good to get ahead of the next tailing season with industry partners.

### **O 6. Issues register**

The document [08.23] was circulated prior to the meeting and is taken as read.

M Stone opened the floor for comments. A Dale asked for an update of issues register including reformatting and clarification of the process scope of the register (what the issues register is and what NAWAC are doing about the issues register, i.e., who are the issues appointed to, what is the value of the register).

**Action:** s9(2)(a) *to update issues register*

P Mason pointed out an error in the first line regarding the rodeo code: drafted for pre-consultation. A Dale commented on the End of the Cage Age that their report leaked last week and that it has relevance. s9(2)(a) noted that the issues register contains a link to End the Cage Age website, with their most recent update

S Faulkner noted that because of cyclone Gabrielle damage, MPI have been working hard around the 4Rs of adverse management. There has been a breakdown of Waka Kotahi understanding of public access needs. Is there a process around government understanding animal welfare needs during such crises? And how we can manage this better (i.e., how is the knowledge passed across departments)?

**Action:** s9(2)(a) *to add animal welfare in emergencies to issues register.*

s9(2)(a) suggested inviting the MPI Animal Welfare Emergency Management team to present at the next general meeting to discuss how the system works. For specifics around cyclone Gabrielle and transport/Waka Kotahi, s9(2)(a) is the contact for this.



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M Stone affirmed to re-establish the request for a briefing from the AWEM team and pointed out that there is an animal welfare function in NZ national emergency management plan to which MPI is the main point of contact, with connections to other organisations (e.g., SPCA). S Faulkner pointed out that it's more about the committee telling other agencies about what their priorities are, especially regarding production animals. S Faulkner noted that the degree of separation between response teams and what is happening on the land needs to be addressed.

T Brown suggested that Waka Kotahi needs to be in the room during crisis management on how we can support production animals – it is not just the issue of animals getting out but also difficulties of getting food in.

P Mason stated that there was a similar cross-agency issue regarding COVID-19.

A Dale noted issues around slaughter plants in emergency events also.

The committee request that S Faulkner is invited to participate in any after action reviews that MPI is actioning.

**Action: s9(2)(a) to enquire with AWEM re after action reviews that S Faulkner can be looped into.**

### O 7. Expense claims

The document [09.23] was circulated prior to the meeting and is taken as read.

s9(2)(a) spoke to expense claims and reminded the committee to submit their claims to s9(2)(a) monthly to align with the MPI finance system. The committee were reminded about what they are entitled to claim for, and that this needs to be fair and reasonable. s9(2)(a) also highlighted the importance of submitting travel requests well ahead of time.

M Stone noted that there is a cabinet circular which lays out policies for government bodies. The committee seems to fall into group 4 of the framework, which includes a set of criteria for financial considerations. M Stone would like to see confirmed that the committee is a group 4 body and what the fee determination is based on. He clarified that he is not pushing for a review, but just transparency on how the fees for the committee is set, considering that it has not been reviewed in 10 years. R Palmer posited that it should reflect the updated cabinet circular. s9(2)(a) stated that we can have it updated and that initially, MPI addressed requirements to allow members to accumulate time, so they can claim under half days.

**Action: secretariat to review and update as required. Investigate historical process of categorisation of NAWAC and how fees have been set. Report back. Cabinet document was updated 2020 - ensure administrative process aligns with this document.**

Committee notes information provided and will endeavour to follow the process outlined.

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G McCullough stated that some of the travel arrangements are strange, i.e., hotels at airport when having a 2-day meeting in the city. s9(2)(a) noted that it is out of our hands, but that we can submit feedback on behalf of the committee.

s9(2)(a) highlighted that this has been noted as an issue and she is working on streamlining this process.

T Brown asked if a WhatsApp group can be set-up to discuss travel arrangements between the committee members, or if the secretary can book shuttles/taxis and arrange for people to be transported together.

**Action:** s9(2)(a) *to note this for future meetings.*

s9(2)(a) thanked the committee for listening.

T Brown requested a quick round table for introductions of the committee members. The committee and MPI members, both in person and online, introduced themselves and noted their main associated organisation and interests.

The committee adjourned for morning tea at 10:44am.

The committee reconvened at 11:11am.

### **FOR DISCUSSION**

#### **O 8. Annual report themes**

The document [10.23] was circulated prior to the meeting and is taken as read.

M Stone noted this as his first opportunity to write the Annual Report as the committee chair. He opened the floor for feedback on the framework.

The committee discussed the importance of social license and ensuring that the NAWAC guidelines (which are currently being updated) reflect stakeholder expectations. Under the work programme agenda item, the committee will discuss that there are several forward-looking opinion pieces scheduled, but that carving out the space for this is proving difficult.

A Dale noted that she thinks this looks good and that the business SC and their work on updating the NAWAC guidelines, along with the operations manual (how NAWAC do their business) could be useful to include.

R Palmer commented regarding the section 'reflections looking forward', suggesting that climate change and adverse events is added in the context of preparations and speed of response and how this will impact animal welfare, short and long term.

T Brown commented regarding the section 'social license' that it may be nice to acknowledge the work that primary producers have put in to up their game in response to market demands (e.g., voluntary changes). This can help to encourage stakeholder engagement moving forward. Following on from this, R Palmer suggested noting the engagement that has been carried out with stakeholders and encouraging that this continues.



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C Johnson noted that a report released last week mentioned a producer from southland commenting that good producers are motivated without regulations (e.g., through market demand/access) and regulations are there for those that can't keep up.

T Brown questioned if there was a timeframe to send the report out. M Stone explained that this is as soon as reasonably possible, and the committee are not bound by statutory requirements. M Stone will be meeting with the Minister to discuss items of importance in the next few months and would like to be able to present this report then.

A Dale queried the meaning of the item 'precision agriculture'. M Stone noted that the committee have had many discussions around the use of virtual fencing. A Dale suggested clarifying exactly what is meant by precision agriculture in the annual report and stated that we need to be mindful of what we include to ensure that we are setting realistic expectations (i.e., not overpromising and underdelivering). M Stone noted that the committee will be discussing the work programme tomorrow and that he would like to introduce a regular process during meetings to check in regarding committee, secretariat, and stakeholder's capacities to take on work. This will also include readdressing and prioritising the work programme as required.

**Action:** s9(2)(a) **to add to agenda as standard item.**

S Faulkner commented regarding the section 'social license' to include the importance of understanding the science, otherwise this purely comes down to enforcement and public understanding. R Palmer suggests the committee have a conversation about what they mean by societies ethical standards (as referenced in the guidelines), considering that we live in a multiverse and these standards are multifaceted.

M Stone agrees and notes that wordsmithing is still to be done.

*Moved: (M Stone / A Dale)*

*That the annual report themes have been agreed with amendments.*

*The motion was put: carried.*

### **O 9. Deputy chair election**

M Stone notes that as this is the first meeting of the year, as per legislation, a new deputy chair needs to be appointed. P Mason nominated A Dale. M Stone believes this to be very appropriate due to A Dale's experience and contributions on the committee, her active roles in the animal welfare space and positive engagement with committees in the past. M Stone called for any other nominations. None were raised.

*Moved: (M Stone / P Mason)*

*That A Dale accepts role of Deputy Chair and all committee members voted in favour.*

*The motion was put: carried.*

## O 10. Members reports

M Stone introduced this section to help inform T Brown of the process.

A Dale: touched on changes at the SPCA. There is a new interim CEO (prior vice-chair of board) appointed for the next 5 months until a new CEO is appointed. The rabbit SC is currently waiting to hear if the MPI secretariat can assist with final stages to prepare the CoW for ministerial approval for public consultation.

S Faulkner: sheep and beef SC remains in recess. Recovery minister has confirmed that she can leave the region from next month. There is little change to the report around this from March. There is still work to be done regarding pain relief in the CoW, as well as aligning with dairy and deer codes to ensure continuity. There is work being done in the background around humane killing on-farm, particularly euthanasia in extensive farming operations. SC expect to meet again before Aug meeting, but this will be in the thick of upcoming elections so the work plan timeframe will reflect this.

M Stone noted the impacts that S Faulkner has had around cyclone Gabrielle and feels the committee would like to hear how her farm is getting on, and other regional information around recovery.

S Faulkner noted that her farm has been lightly impacted compared to others, which allowed her to be involved in response for the regional farming community. Noted that access has been the main issue. An initial economic impact statement has just been delivered to cabinet (for the Gisborne region). There were challenges with pulling numbers together for agriculture and it is very difficult to express yield losses as these are generally expressed across 3-4 years (i.e., impacts of reduced feed and genetics). S Faulkner stated that her experience on the committee was very beneficial for the response work and highlighted that an innate understanding of livestock farming in NZ needs addressing.

M Stone thanked S Faulkner for sharing and acknowledged the ongoing challenges. Committee noted that the region is very lucky to have her assistance.

G McCullough: from an NZVA point of view, adverse weather was also a major event that has caused frustrations dealing with national organisations that don't release the overall implications and lack understanding of how things work together. He noted that there is a NZVA centenary conference in June in Wellington and extended an invitation to the committee. He was also in Taipei last week for a world veterinary conference. He noted that from an animal welfare point of view, New Zealand has a good relationship with English-speaking developed countries, (e.g., around fish and bees and branching into new things). NZ is keeping up and leading from an animal welfare point of view. There was also a focus on One Health at the conference, which is becoming increasingly important, along with linking issues of animal and human health with the environment and sustainability long-term.

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P Mason: greyhounds SC expected to be very busy and have been waiting for the Racing Integrity Board (RIB) report to be released by the Minister. This process has now been extended with governmental delays. In the meantime, a watching brief will be maintained. The RIB has been requested by the Minister to continue their quarterly reports. P Mason would like the SC to meet each quarter after these reports have been released to discuss and meet with the RIB every 6 months. s9(2)(a) still represents NAWAC as an observer on the Greyhound Racing New Zealand (GRNZ) Health and Welfare committee.

s9(2)(a) stated that GRNZ has done a lot of work, but it is hard to judge movement. A Dale touched on the fact that the GRNZ and RIB reports are different and don't add up. M Stone queried whether the committee would like more of a presence on this body. s9(2)(a) confirmed that she has only been sitting in since G Verkerk left and has had positive experiences, noting that GRNZ are open to hearing suggestions. As an observer, that is her primary role, which does not involve reviewing operational matters or any documents - only observing to keep track of what's happening and filtering information to NAWAC. The committee reflected on how this is handled with rodeo s9(2)(a) sits on meetings as a NAWAC representative, but there is also an MPI compliance person present). A Dale noted that being an observer in the board meetings means there is participation involved and allowed, however R Palmer expressed some concerns with this due to observer status needing to be respected. M Stone stated that anyone operating on behalf of NAWAC as an observer should feel free to provide advice but remove themselves from decision making discussions. It was agreed that in addition to s9(2)(a) and noting his role as chair of the greyhound SC, P Mason will also attend the GRNZ Health and Welfare committee as an observer on behalf of NAWAC.

R Palmer: the business SC have been focusing on the NAWAC guidelines review. This has been slowed by other commitments but is still on-going. There is currently limited capacity for the website, but they are always open for suggestions. R Palmer queried whether NAWAC will present a briefing to the incoming minister. s9(2)(a) noted that information on NAWAC is included in any ministerial briefings. R Palmer suggested a briefing specifically on the NAWAC work programme priorities for the incoming minister. M Stone agrees.

The committee questioned whether there have been developments from the wildlife SC, especially in appointing a new chair, noting that previous committee member, N Poutu, was valuable in this role.

s9(2)(a) noted there is an upcoming review of the wildlife act led by the Department of Conservation. A Dale noted they also have other review work upcoming. M Stone requests s9(2)(a) keeps the committee in mind regarding this. M Stone highlighted a discussion in the business SC around there being too many NAWAC guidelines which don't connect well with each other. The SC aims to tighten up the number of guidelines and make their purpose and messages clearer. In parallel to the NAWAC guidelines, there are also MPI/NAWAC guidelines that are mis-matched. This will also be addressed.

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M Sutherland: deer CoW is also on hold. She is presenting to NZVA regarding an animal welfare assessment project with Beef + Lamb from last year. Noted that results from this have been informally included in Sheep and Beef CoW conversations.

C Johnson: has recently concluded his 5-year secondment as Director of Animal Ethics at Massey University and is now enjoying being more involved in the Vet school. He attended and presented at the World Congress of Veterinary Anaesthesia & Analgesia conference in Australia. Noted that there is currently debate in UK, Europe, and the United States around what constitutes treatment and what constitutes research in animals, and how professionals deal with the ethics around this. Also thanked all who have been involved in the Pig CoW, noting that it has been a very busy time.

T Brown: noted her position as Director of DairyNZ. They are currently recruiting a new CEO. Farmers have been adversely affected by adverse weather events and all the challenges this presents. DairyNZ are involved in a strategy and commitment that works collaboratively across the sector to lift standards on New Zealand, along with looking at increasing profit and decreasing footprint. Notes that lots of farmers are currently struggling with mental health which can flow on to animal welfare. There is also work happening to look at implementing environmental plans for farms. Notes that changes to the Dairy CoW have been front and centre in discussions. DairyNZ Industry awards are in a few weeks and animal welfare is celebrated as part of this. T Brown also noted that she is happy to be involved in any SC's.

M Stone: has been involved with the Dairy CoW, which is now sitting with the peer reviewer. Notes that ex MPI employee s9(2)(a) [REDACTED] has recently been employed by DairyNZ, which will be a positive contact between the two organisations. M Stone expressed thanks to all those involved with the Dairy CoW, especially during the targeted engagement. Noted that there are letters being drafted with the secretariat to follow up with stakeholder groups that were involved with this. These letters need to balance informing stakeholders and the NAWAC advice that will be going to the minister.

M Stone also highlighted that as Chair of the committee, he is asked to participate, on NAWACs behalf, in a number of forums. The MPI chief veterinary officer has recently established an MPI Veterinary Liaison group (with organisations including NZVA and Massey University) and he has been invited to be part of this. He also attended the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) global conference on emergency management during the first week of April, noting that there was good attendance from New Zealand and that NZ was ahead of the game here.,. The papers and presentations from this will be online in due course and a monitoring framework for global pandemic preparedness is due to be released this week. M Stone also noted his participation on the WHO and World Bank Global Preparedness Monitoring Board that he represents WOAH on. A key focus of pandemic preparedness is the negotiation of an international accord through a World Health Organisation meeting. There will be a high-level meeting at the United Nations general assembly on Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness and Response later this year.

M Stone passed the resolution to exclude the public as per the following:

## RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

### Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1982

(M Stone): I move that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

- C1. Code of Welfare: Pigs
- C2. Code Updates
- C3. NAWAC Work Programme for 2023-2024
- C4. NAWAC and MPI focus topics discussion series: Development of regulations

<b>General subject of each matter to be considered</b>	<b>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</b>	<b>Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</b>
C1. Code of Welfare: Pigs	To enable the local authority to deliberate in private on decisions or recommendations where it is required to make a recommendation by any enactment.	That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 48(2)(a)(ii) of the OIA.
C2. Code Updates	To enable the local authority to deliberate in private on decisions or recommendations where it is required to make a recommendation by any enactment.	That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 48(2)(a)(ii) of the OIA.
C3. NAWAC Work Programme for 2023-2024	To enable the local authority to deliberate in private on decisions or recommendations where it is required to make a recommendation by any enactment.	That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 48(2)(a)(ii) of the OIA.
C4. NAWAC and MPI focus topics discussion series: Development of regulations	To maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through —	the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of

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		<i>any public service agency or organisation in the course of their duty</i>
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*The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:*

*I also move that: s9(2)(a)*

*be permitted to remain at this meeting, after the public has been excluded, because of their knowledge of meeting procedure and the subject matter under discussion. This knowledge is relevant background information to assist the committee in its deliberations.*

*Moved: (M Stone / G McCullough)*

*I also state that this resolution applies to day two of the general meeting, where the aforementioned items, C3 and C4, will be discussed.*

*Motion put: carried*

M Stone thanked members of the public for their attendance this morning.

The committee adjourned for lunch at 12:32pm.

The committee reconvened at 13:30pm.

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## PART 2: PUBLIC EXCLUDED AGENDA

### FOR APPROVAL

#### C 1. Code of Welfare: Pigs

The documents [11.23 (memo) 1223 (code); 13.23] were circulated prior to the meeting and are taken as read.

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Committee reconvened at 3:14pm.

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*Moved: (C Johnson / R Palmer)*

*That the committee accepts the positions articulated in the code of welfare and associated final report as the basis of the committee's recommendations to the minister, acknowledging differences in opinion around k-value. It is also agreed that the committee will be recommending this final version of the code of welfare to the Minister for consideration.*

*Motion put: carried*

M Stone: suggests rescheduling code updates to tomorrow's agenda (morning) due to substantial discussion occurring today and requests that code leads please line up talking points for efficiencies sake.

The committee closed the meeting for the day at 4:24pm.

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## General Meeting – Day 2

**Whaitua o rēhia:** Room 1.06 – 1 The Terrace, Wellington

**Rā:** 3 May 2023

**Tāima:** 09:00 – 12:30

### MENETI | MINUTES

**Komiti / Committee:** Matthew Stone (Kairuruku/Chair), Arnja Dale, Peter Mason, Grant McCullough, Tracy Brown, Mhairi Sutherland, Ruth Palmer, Craig Johnson, Sandra Faulkner (virtual)

**Nuinga / Attendees:** s9(2)(a)

[Redacted list of attendees]

**Matangaro / Apologies:**

Natalie Waran

**Any Other Business (Open to the Public):**

**Any Other Business (Public Excluded):**

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## PART 2: PUBLIC EXCLUDED AGENDA

M Stone opened meeting with a karakia at 09:09am.


M Stone noted that the closed session of the meeting carries on from yesterday as per the resolution.

### FOR DISCUSSION

#### C 2. Code Updates

The document [19.23] was circulated prior to the meeting and is taken as read.

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**FOR APPROVAL**


**C 3. NAWAC work programme for 2023-2024**

The document [14.23] was circulated prior to the meeting and is taken as read.

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*Moved: (M Stone/A Dale)*

*That the committee accepts work programme 2023-2024 as amended.*

*Motion put: carried*

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Committee adjourned for morning tea at 10:47am.

Committee reconvened at 11:06am.

*Moved: (M Stone / P Mason)*

*That the workplan is approved by the committee with any amendments discussed above*

*Motion put: carried*

**FOR DISCUSSION**

**C 4. NAWAC focus topics discussion series: development of regulations**

The documents [15.23;16.23 (ppt);17.23] were circulated prior to the meeting and are taken as read.

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**Action:** s9(2)(a) *to send invite for both days.*

Committee discussed that the next discussion series topic could be around the MPI Animal Welfare Emergency Management system.

M Stone asked the committee if there is any other business? No comment.

M Stone thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 12:16pm.

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