



## 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.

The 19 May 2021 meeting was held in Blenheim. Key items discussed at the meeting were:

- **Pigs Code of Welfare review:** The draft code of welfare, associated code report, cover letter and five domains assessment were shared and reviewed by the committee. NAWAC was satisfied that the requirements have been met to submit the Code to the Minister for approval to consult.
- **Dairy Code of Welfare review:** The draft code of welfare with suggested amendments was shared with the committee to be reviewed. Further discussion is needed by the committee in the coming weeks to complete the draft and the code report for it to be put forward for consultation.
- **Finfish Code of Welfare:** The committee visited a fish farm and research facility the day prior to the meeting, observing the current practices in New Zealand in preparation for the development of the Finfish Code of Welfare. The committee discussed what they observed on their visits and agreed to form a working group.
- **Rodeos Code of Welfare:** The committee discussed the rodeo code of welfare and reviewed a submitted draft code of welfare. It was decided to reprioritise the review of the code and a subcommittee was formed to begin pre consultation.
- **Greyhound Racing Review Submission:** NAWAC discussed the greyhound racing review and will draft a submission.
- **Transparency:** The committee reviewed the draft guidelines for public attendance at quarterly NAWAC meetings. Once the suggested amendments have been agreed, it will be available on the NAWAC webpage.
- **2021 Meetings:** the remaining quarterly meetings are as follows:
  - Tuesday 17 August
  - Tuesday and Wednesday 16/17 November