

**APPENDIX THREE: ANIMAL WELFARE REGULATORY PROPOSALS THAT WILL NOT BE PROGRESSED AT THIS TIME**

Proposal	Rationale for not progressing	Next steps
All animals – twisting an animal’s tail	<p>Tail breaking in cattle is regularly prosecuted.</p> <p>There are legitimate and safe use of the tail such as ‘tail jacking’ for moving or restraining cattle.</p> <p>This infringement was intended to target twisting that is more than necessary to move or restrain the animal but less than a broken tail.</p> <p>This level is difficult to define and observe.</p> <p>Infringements are intended to be an instant fine for clearly inappropriate behaviour. There needs to be little, if any, room for interpretation or argument.</p>	This will not be taken any further.
Dogs – Pinch and prong collars	<p>Submissions indicate this proposal has not been consulted widely enough and should cover all forms of collar, including electric collars, choke collars, and others.</p> <p>Note that proposal one relating to injuries from collars and tethers will progress and this will addresses injuries caused to any animal by any kind of collar.</p>	Re-consider in 2019 as part of possible wider work programme on all collars.
Dogs and Cats – Drowning dogs and cats	<p>Drowning any land animal causes severe pain and distress.</p> <p>There were concerns that this regulation would send messages that euthanasia of other mammals by drowning was acceptable. Also concerns that other cruel methods for killing cats and dogs are acceptable.</p> <p>It is appropriate that drowning offences should be prosecuted under the Act, which enables access to the much more serious penalties available for Act-level prosecutions.</p>	This will not be taken any further.
Eels – insensible for de-sliming	There are only four current operators in the eel industry, all of which are currently compliant with the existing minimum standards.	Further education and/ or a compliance approach to be considered if needed in future.

Layer Hens – Stocking densities	Following stakeholder feedback, these two proposals were deferred. As MPI have decided to reassess existing minimum standards in both Layer Hen and Meat Chicken codes of welfare, to determine what other standards may be suitable for regulation. Once identified, these will be reviewed to ensure they reflect current scientific knowledge and good practice.	MPI will work with NAWAC and industry in assessing the existing standards against current practice and determine which standards may be suitable for regulation in a future tranche of regulations.
Layer Hens – Housing and Equipment design		
Llama & Alpaca – Companion animals	This is part of a wider set of issues around the social needs of a number of animals, or which llamas and alpacas are only one sub-set.	Seek further advice from NAWAC on wider issues around social needs of animals and re-consult on any regulatory proposals coming out of that work.
Llama & Alpaca – Cria (offspring) camelid companions		
Pigs – Nesting material	<p>There was a strong lack of clarity for regulator and industry on the best way to meet this requirement. The suggested use of straw from the Pigs Code of Welfare 2010 presented significant compliance issues for the industry in slatted systems, particularly around animal hygiene and labour.</p> <p>The existing minimum standard is currently not being met in a meaningful way by industry due to uncertainty about requirements and lack of meaningful welfare benefit that existing materials provide.</p> <p>The current standard is to apply to post 2010 farms, as consulted on. The regulatory reach would impact approximately 4 current farms and those built post 2010, presenting significant equity and efficiency issues.</p> <p>A transitional arrangement was considered, however without certainty as to what the industry had to transition to, this was not feasible.</p>	MPI will work with the industry to progress ongoing research around implementing such a requirement in New Zealand farming systems. It is considered an important behavioural need for a farrowing sow will be considered as an area for future regulation.
Exotic animals – Used in circuses	<p>There are currently no exotic animals used in circuses in New Zealand</p> <p>NAWAC is undertaking work on the use of animals in entertainment, exhibition and encounter (which will include circuses).</p>	Consider if regulation is required as a result of NAWAC work on entertainment, exhibition and encounter. If so, likely this will include but not be limited to the use of exotic animals in circuses.

<p>Cattle – Teat Occlusion</p>	<p>Main identified issue (inappropriate use of rubber rings on teats) fits within proposal 63. Cattle - Teat removal. This issue will be covered during development of proposals 63 in 2018.</p> <p>A related issue that has been raised, chemical quarter ablation, was not consulted on will need to be considered at the same time.</p>	<p>This proposal will not be taken any further. But the issue will be covered in the development of another proposal in 2018.</p>
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