



IN RESPONSE TO: *Please provide details of any other animal Welfare regulatory requirements that your members need to comply with. For example, are there local or Federal government laws and/or regulations or international standards that need to be followed?*

NSW Farmers members comply with multiple regulatory and other standards that impact a farmer's animal welfare requirement, including biosecurity. While general animal welfare requirements exist that impact all livestock industries broadly, different livestock species have distinct needs. This has resulted in specialised guidelines being developed to govern welfare outcomes for each species.

In NSW the welfare of animals including both production and companion species, is governed by the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979* (NSW). The objects of POCTA concern the prevention of cruelty to animals and the promotion of animal welfare.

Various mechanisms for enforcing these higher standards have been developed in the form of Quality Assurance (QA) programs. These programs independently audit producers to ensure compliance with certain welfare outcomes. The programs operate on an individual property basis, with certain enterprises agreeing to be audited to demonstrate that they are meeting certain criteria. There are also distinct welfare programs for retailers and processors that require certain welfare standards.

Export standards are foundational to Australia's trading reputation with the livestock export sector.