



ANIMAL WELFARE

National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

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Chairman's comment

Development of regulations continued to be the major work for NAWAC during the year. However, significant other work was also undertaken on codes - most notably a first for NAWAC, the development of an opinion on the welfare consequences of animal breeding, led by Virginia Williams.

At the end of the year Virginia, David Scobie and Katie Bicknell all completed their six-year terms on NAWAC. All three had made major contributions to the work of the Committee and were passionate about improving the welfare of animals throughout their terms. I thank them for their fantastic support and commitment.

The Committee has continued to work effectively with all members providing solid support for the work programme aided by excellent technical and policy support from MPI that is essential to the effectiveness of our work.

Finally I would like to acknowledge the continuing strong support of the Minister for the work of the committee.

Dr John Hellström
Chairman



Membership

Members	Expiry of Appointment
Dr John S Hellström BVSc, PhD, Director Biosecurity Ltd (independent chairman)	31.10.18
Dr Kathryn B Bicknell BSc, PhD, Senior Lecturer in Economics, Lincoln University (independent appointment)	31.10.15
Ms Susan (Sue) E Brown CA, BBS, Chartered Accountant (nominated by the Ministry of Women's Affairs)	31.10.16
Mrs Ingrid Collins MNZM, Chief Executive/Part Owner Three Rivers Medical Ltd (nominated by Te Puni Kokiri)	31.10.18
Professor Graeme Doole BAppSc, MAppEc, PhD, Professor of Environmental Economics, University of Waikato (independent appointment; replaced Dr Kathryn B Bicknell)	31.10.18
Dr Penelope (Penny) M Fisher BSc, MAppSc, PhD, Wildlife Toxicologist & Research Leader, Landcare Research NZ Ltd (nominated by Landcare Research NZ Ltd)	31.10.17
Ms Katrina (Katie) S Milne Farmer, National Board Member Federated Farmers (nominated by Federated Farmers of New Zealand)	31.10.16
Dr Karin Schütz MSc, PhD, Scientist (nominated by New Zealand Society of Animal Production; replaced Dr David R Scobie)	31.10.18
Dr David R Scobie BAgSc (Hons), PhD, Scientist (nominated by New Zealand Society of Animal Production)	31.10.15
Mr Grant H Shackell Dip Ag, Dip Field Technology, MSc, Retired scientist (NAEAC Chairperson; replaced Dr Virginia M Williams)	31.10.18
Mr Alan J Sharr CA (PP), DTM, MInstD, Principal, Marriotts Chartered Accountants (independent appointment)	31.10.18
Mr Iain E Torrance MInstD, Independent Business Consultant (nominated by Royal New Zealand Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals; replaced Dr Barbara R Nicholas)	31.10.17
Dr Julie Wagner BVSc, Product Manager Ravensdown Fertiliser Co-operative Ltd (nominated by Ministry for Women)	31.10.17
Dr Virginia M Williams BVSc, MACVSc, Dip Prof Ethics, Animal Welfare Consultant (NAEAC Chairperson)	31.10.15

Dr Virginia Williams was elected Deputy Chairperson for 2015. Upon her retirement from the committee Dr Julie Wagner was elected to replace her.

Fees

Government policy requires disclosure of fees paid to members of statutory boards and committees. The daily fee paid to committee members during 2014 was \$400 for members and \$550 for the chairperson.

Members are paid the fee for attending meetings, with an allowance for preparation time. Members are also reimbursed for travelling expenses. In addition, the chairperson and, on occasion, other members may be paid additional fees for representing the committee at other meetings or for carrying out significant extra work on the committee's behalf.

Member	Fees paid during 2015 (gross)
J Hellström ¹	\$40,293.01
K Bicknell	\$1,400.00
S Brown	\$4,613.00
I Collins ²	
G Doole	-
P Fisher ³	
K Milne	\$3,300.00
K Schütz ³	
D Scobie ³	
A Sharr	\$3,800.00
G Shackell	\$600.00
I Torrance	\$3,800.00
J Wagner	\$5,600.00
V Williams	\$5,100.00

1 The Chairman undertook extensive liaison with animal welfare, industry and other groups, and with MPI, regarding the writing and content of draft codes of welfare and regarding other NAWAC business, in addition to preparing for and conducting formal NAWAC meetings and special meetings.

2 Mrs Collins chose not to claim fees for 2015.

3 Dr Fisher's, Dr Scobie's and Dr Shütz's fees were paid directly to their employer as recompense for time lost from their primary employment.

Issues for the year

- Regulations - Recommending regulations for care & conduct, and surgical & painful procedures, to the Minister
- Farrowing crates – Advising the Minister on options for addressing farrowing crates in the code and/or regulations
- Housing of dairy cattle - Recommending a code of welfare amendment for dairy cattle to the Minister
- Animals in the wild - Issuing a guideline on “generally accepted practice in New Zealand” and monitoring of glueboard traps ministerial approvals
- Breeding - Developing a NAWAC position on welfare issues relating to breeding methods, overbreeding (production of surplus animals), and defects and diseases linked with breeding
- Temporary housing of companion animals - Recommending regulations and a new code of welfare to the Minister
- Animals in public display, exhibition and entertainment – Reviewing the use of animals in public display, exhibition and entertainment
- Shelter - Developing a NAWAC position on shelter and/or recommend regulations to the Minister to maintain animal welfare in pastorally farmed livestock