



ANIMAL WELFARE

National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

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Chairman's comment

NAWAC completed an extensive work programme during the year, the highlights of which are listed below. In the latter part of the year the substantial work programme of developing regulations from existing codes of welfare was commenced.

At the end of the year Karen Phillips completed her second term and Barbara Nicholas resigned from the Committee. Both had made invaluable contributions to the work of the Committee and I thank them both for their contributions. I would like to acknowledge the careful and thoughtful contributions from all NAWAC members as we have worked through the challenging issues we have to consider and their combined ability to put aside any personal interests and strive for consensus in the best interests of animal welfare. Committee members have given a large amount of time to the work of NAWAC, with most members serving on two or three of its subcommittees as well.

The Committee has continued to receive excellent technical and policy support from MPI that is essential to the effectiveness of our work as well as 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 ONZM BVSc, PhD, Director Biosecurity Ltd (independent chairman)	31.10.15
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 N Collins MNZM, Chief Executive/Part Owner Three Rivers Medical Ltd (nominated by Te Puni Kokiri)	31.10.15
Dr Penelope (Penny) M Fisher BSc, MAppSc, PhD, Wildlife Toxicologist & Research Leader, Landcare Research NZ Ltd (nominated by Landcare Research NZ Ltd)	31.10.14
Ms Katrina (Katie) S Milne Farmer, National Board Member Federated Farmers (nominated by Federated Farmers of New Zealand)	31.10.16
Dr Barbara R Nicholas BSc, BD, Dip Tch, PhD, Ethicist (independent appointment)	Resigned with effect from 31.12.14
Dr Karen M Phillips BVSc, MACVSc, Veterinarian (nominated by New Zealand Veterinary Association)	31.10.14
Dr David R Scobie BAgSc (Hons), PhD, Scientist (nominated by New Zealand Society of Animal Production)	31.10.15
Mr Alan J Sharr CA (PP), DTM, MInstD, Principal, Marriotts Chartered Accountants (independent appointment)	31.10.15
Dr Julie C Wagner BVSc, Product Manager Animal Health, Ravensdown Fertiliser Co-operative Ltd (nominated by Ministry for Women)	31.10.17
Dr Virginia M Williams BVSc, MANZCVS, DipProfEthics (chairperson of NAEAC)	31.10.15

Dr Karen Phillips was elected as Deputy Chair for the year. Although her term of appointment was due to expire at the end of October, the Animal Welfare Act specifies that members remain in office until their successor is appointed so Karen Phillips remained a committee member until Julie Wagner was appointed on 18 December 2014.

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 2014 (gross)
J Hellström ¹	\$28,692.59
K Bicknell	\$2,400.00
S Brown	\$4269.00
I Collins	\$2,700.00
P Fisher ²	\$0.00
K Milne	\$4,200.00
B Nicholas	\$1,800.00
K Phillips	\$5,200.00
D Scobie ²	\$0.00
A Sharr	\$5,700.00
J Wagner	\$0.00
V Williams	\$5,800.00

Codes of welfare

- New codes of welfare issued – none
- Reviewed codes of welfare issued – Rodeos
- Amended codes of welfare issued – Dairy Cattle (on-farm destruction)
- Codes of welfare recommended to the Minister – Horses and Donkeys
- Codes in post-consultation – Temporary housing of companion animals
- Code amendments in post-consultation – Dairy Cattle (housing)
- Codes under development
 - Saleyards
 - Animals in public display, exhibition and entertainment.

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 other NAWAC business, in addition to preparing for and conducting formal NAWAC meetings and special meetings.

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

Issues for the year

- The subcommittee investigating breeding for improved welfare carried out meetings with stakeholders to look at issues associated with breeding, including overbreeding.
- The systems review subcommittee continued its work in suggesting changes to the way NAWAC addresses its work priorities in the future.
- At the request of the Minister, NAWAC reviewed the changes implemented by the greyhound racing industry to address concerns about greyhound welfare.
- The wildlife subcommittee will continue the current work programme, including drafting “best practice” guidelines and running a glueboard traps workshop (on alternatives to glueboards).
- NAWAC recommended an amendment to the code of welfare for dairy cattle creating a minimum standard limiting the use of blunt force trauma for killing dairy calves to emergency situations only.
- In anticipation of changes to the way the animal welfare legislation will be administered assuming passage of the Amendment Bill, a subcommittee began the task of looking at developing regulations under the Act.