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Animal Welfare Standards Public Consultation
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To whom it may concern,

**Re: Draft Animal Welfare Standards & Guidelines - Cattle, and
Draft Animal Welfare Standards & Guidelines - Sheep**

The Australian Meat Industry Council (AMIC) is the Peak Industry Council representing the post farm gate meat industry including export and domestic meat processors, smallgoods manufacturers, wholesalers, distributors and independent meat retailers.

AMIC, through its association with the Australian Animal Welfare Strategy and via the Standards Reference Group, has been involved during the development of these draft Standards. AMIC has also informed its processor members through correspondence via email about the public consultation process associated with the draft Standards and Regulatory Impact Statement.

AMIC's Animal Welfare Mission is to ensure that acceptable animal welfare standards are implemented and effectively verified and as such we take this opportunity to express our support for the draft Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines Cattle and Sheep.

AMIC is a strong supporter of nationally consistent standards as such encourages that, when it is time to adopt the above mentioned standards, they are done so in a nationally uniform manner.

Yours sincerely



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