

Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Poultry – Public Consultation Frequently Asked Questions



When does public consultation open?

The public consultation period opened on Monday 27 November 2017 for 90 days. It will close on Monday 26 February 2018.

What documents are available for comment?

The documents available for comment are:

- the Consultation Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) for new *Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Poultry*
- the draft *Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Poultry*.

A full list of the questions asked in the RIS is available for comment. Interested parties can reference these questions or provide their own submission.

There are also eight supporting papers available, which aim to provide additional information on certain welfare practices or procedures.

How do I make a submission on a consultation document?

Please include the following information in your submission:

- Your name and title, contact address, telephone number
- Your organisation, if applicable.

Please note that your submission will be treated as public information. All submissions will be screened and those containing socially unacceptable language will not be considered.

What ideas/comments are being sought?

We are seeking views from interested parties about how well the:

- draft *Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Poultry* will ensure the welfare of poultry
- RIS demonstrates the need for the standards, and identifies the key costs and benefits for poultry producers, government and the wider community.

The submission may include ideas on how to improve these documents.

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Will submissions received after the closing date of 5pm Monday 26 February 2018 be considered?

Submissions received after the closing date may be held on file for consideration when the poultry welfare standards are next revised or reviewed.

How long are the consultation documents available to comment on?

The documents will be made available for consultation for 90 days, after which they will be revised in the light of submissions made during that time. Once finalised they will be re-posted on the Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines - Poultry website.

What happens to my submission?

All major issues raised during public consultation will be collated in a 'Review of Submissions' document. The document will be available on this website as soon as possible after the deadline for submissions. A summary of submissions will be included in the Decision RIS.

Will my submission remain confidential?

No – please note that your submission is public information and may be displayed on this website. Any submissions which include commercially sensitive information should be clearly identified, to ensure it can be handled securely and not released to the public.

What about other sectors?

Please note that Animal Health Australia is not seeking public views on labelling; poultry emergency animal disease welfare arrangements; birds on display e.g. zoos/circuses; exotic species or the transport of livestock in this consultation process as they are covered by separate animal welfare arrangements.

Visit the [Animal Welfare Standards website](#) for more information and to view the documents.

Please email submissions to publicconspoultry@animalhealthaustralia.com.au

Submissions may also be posted to:
Animal Welfare Standards Public Consultation
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