

Animal Welfare Standards Public Consultation,

We:

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Would like to make a submission in support of the Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Poultry.

With regard to the Part B. 6. welfare standards for geese we would like to make a submission to have this section amended to include goose broiler production systems.

We have attached a copy of the Grimaud Freres technical guide for broiler geese. Grimaud Freres are the premier commercial goose genetics company worldwide. Grimaud Freres advise in their technical notes the necessary requirements for Goslings as broilers. The one recommendation missing from the geese welfare standards is Broiler density within housing. Grimaud Freres recommend goslings stock density in-housing should be 2 goslings per square meter. Broiler goslings are typically slaughtered at 65 days (10 weeks) or 115 days (17 weeks). Grimaud Freres also make recommendation for Broiler rations and nutrition requirements, any commercial grower would be following this recommendation in an efficient profitable broiler enterprise.

Amendment:

SB6.6 A person must ensure the maximum recommended stocking densities for geese are according to housing type and under good management conditions and as follows;

Age

In housing (indoors)

- Goslings – to 10 days 12 birds/m²
- Goslings – at 8 weeks 2 birds/m²
- Broiler Goslings – up to 65 days (10 weeks) to a maximum of 115 day (17 weeks) 2 birds /m²
- Breeders 2 birds/3 m²

In runs

- Goslings - at 8 weeks 1,250 birds/ha or 500/acre
- Breeders 250 birds/ha or 100/acre

If you require any further information regarding this submission please feel free to contact either of us by return email or mobile phone listed below.

Kind Regards,

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