



National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

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Dear Loretta,

On behalf of the National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee, I write to formally thank you for presenting to NAWAC regarding dog breeding and welfare recently.

NAWAC appreciated having the opportunity to hear about the work of the Bulldog Club Combined Taskforce, particularly in regards to the recommendations made in NAWAC's Opinion on animal welfare issues associated with selective breeding.

In its Opinion document, NAWAC had raised serious concerns in regards to dog breeding, and especially for some of conformational extremes seen in brachycephalic dog breeds. The Committee was pleased to see that bulldog breeders are taking the issue seriously and are putting in significant work to create and join health schemes, as well as create educational materials for puppy buyers.

We hope that dog breed clubs continue to work collaboratively with DogsNZ to improve dog welfare, for the sake of the dogs affected.

Thank you once again for an enjoyable and instructive presentation.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G. Verkerk'.

Dr. Gwyneth Verkerk