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Animal Advocates Hui – Report Back

Tēnā koe

Thank you for your interest in the Animal Advocacy Hui on the 8 June at the Manurewa Marae in Auckland.

I was very pleased to hear from the wide range of groups and individuals who represented their animal welfare causes. We heard various discussions on a wide range of issues from intensive farming and selective breeding to companion animals and the definition of sentience.

It was a very constructive Hui and I appreciated the contributions over the course of the day. Everyone who attended was encouraged to share their views, and I would like you all to know that I have taken these views on board as I look to the future and how we can improve animal welfare outcomes in New Zealand.

Please find attached a summary report back of the key themes of the day.

As I announced, a draft plan outlining how I would like to reset animal welfare in New Zealand will be released at the end of June. I will ensure you are provided a direct copy of this.

Thank you for your honesty, openness and passion whilst engaging on the issues that matter to you, and I look forward to your continued engagement as we move forward.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Meka Whaitiri'.

Hon Meka Whaitiri
Associate Minister of Agriculture