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Animal Advocates Hui – Framework for Action on Animal Welfare

Tēnā koe

Thanks again for your interest in the Animal Advocacy Hui held on 8 June at the Manurewa Marae in Auckland.

To reiterate my comments from the Hui report back, I found the day to be very constructive and I appreciated the time you took to attend, listen and contribute your ideas.

Taking the Hui's key themes forward, here is the high level framework for action I will be focusing on:

- Creating an independent voice for animals;
- Strengthening codes so that they best uphold animal welfare standards;
- Establishing greater transparency across the animal welfare system; and
- Investing in resourcing, including for enforcement, animal rescue and shelters.

From your comments, I have developed the attached Framework for Action on Animal Welfare. This framework will continue to improve the animal welfare system in Aotearoa and place us at the forefront of animal welfare matters internationally.

Today I will publically announce this framework for action. Once the future direction is set, I will seek Cabinet approval as part of our commitment to improve animal welfare and to deliver for all New Zealanders – animals included.

Ngā mihi

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

Hon Meka Whaitiri
Associate Minister of Agriculture