

Health and Welfare Advisory Committee Executive Summary

27 February 2020

Matters Arising

- LPA and ISC voting memberships – discussed in traceability agenda item.
- Pain relief terminology – NWD review is ongoing, review to be finalised before actioning potential terminology changes.

2 AHA Service Agreement with WoolProducers

Policy Manager report

The Committee noted the Policy Manager report. The Policy Manager thanked the Committee members who have provided input to requests for submissions that have been sent since the last meeting.

3 Market Access Support

Traceability update

The Committee noted the update on traceability work being undertaken through the Sheep Traceability Working Group, SAFEMEAT and Integrity Systems Company. The Committee discussed pursuing voting membership of LPA and Integrity Systems Company Taskforce, and subsequent action items regarding provision of information to SFO members to support this application.

MOTION	That WPA no longer seek voting rights at LPA or Integrity Systems Company Taskforce.
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Consumer perceptions project

The Committee discussed the Consumer Perceptions Project proposed to be undertaken to provide longitudinal benchmarking of changes in the attitudes towards husbandry procedures of consumers of Australian wool.

MOTION	That WPA supports the progression of the Consumer Perceptions project.
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Draft NFF animal welfare policy

The Committee discussed the draft NFF animal welfare policy. The Committee provided feedback.

4 Biosecurity Services

MLA & AWI Animal Health and Welfare RD&E updates

MLA and AWI staff provided updates and an overview of current and future health and welfare research, development and extension activities.

National Sheep Industry Biosecurity Strategy update

The paper was taken as read and the committee noted the verbal update provided.

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Feral pig control strategy update

The paper was taken as read and the committee received an update on the National Feral Pig Action Plan, and development of a national management strategy from the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment and the National Feral Pig Coordinator.

SheepMAP update

The paper was taken as read and a verbal overview was provided by AHA.

MOTION	That the SheepMAP Manual be finalised and published without the inclusion of the HTJ-PCR test.
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National Wild Dog Action Plan update

The Committee received a presentation updating progress of the NWDAP Review implementation, outcomes that have been actioned from the January 2020 NWDAP Consultative Committee meeting, funding arrangements and activities of the Plan from the NWDAP Coordinator and Chair.

5 EAD Preparedness and Response

Eu-FMD Real Time Training Report

WPA's funded participant in the Eu-FMD Real Time Training undertaken in Nepal in December 2019 presented their cascade training report to the Committee.

Future EAD training opportunities

The Committee noted the paper, which was taken as read.

6 Special Initiatives

Youth Ambassador policy presentations

The WPA Youth Ambassador presented their policy papers to the H&W Committee.

Wool production eligibility under the Carbon Reduction Scheme

This paper was held over to the next meeting.

European market demands for non-mulesed wool

The paper was taken as read. Three items were proposed as options for reporting market trends, which the Committee provided feedback on. A risk was identified in continuity by the next WPA Youth Ambassador.

Wool youth network

This paper was held over until the next meeting.

Sheep Sustainability Framework

A presentation was given to the Committee and the industry discussion paper provided by the consultants was discussed. Feedback was provided by the Committee.

Lamb marking training guide

The paper was taken as read and the Committee noted the verbal update provided.

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6.1 AHA project proposals

AHA project proposals were discussed for decision on whether sheep and wool levies should be used to fund the projects.

MOTION	WPA supports in-principle the <i>Genomic selection for resistance to internal parasites – improved outcomes for industry</i> project, dependent upon provision of further information as requested.
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MOTION	WPA supports in-principle the <i>Genomic selection for reduced fly strike susceptibility – improved outcomes for industry</i> project, dependent upon provision of further information as requested.
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MOTION	WPA supports in-principle the <i>Integrated management of internal parasites – releasing the potential of dung beetles</i> project, dependent upon provision of further information as requested.
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7 General Business

Carbon neutrality

Grains are working towards a carbon neutral enterprise. Need for metrics that can be used across all enterprises, not just species specific/commodity specific. It would be good if WPA could push for this. Noted that agriculture seems to be penalised for carbon outputs not noting carbon credits. It was noted that this item is on the WPA Board Meeting agenda.

8 Next Meetings

- 20 May (H&W) & 21 May (Exec), 2020
- August 2020 (Wool Week; TBC)
- 18 November (H&W) & 19 November (Exec), 2020

Meeting close: 4.56pm