



ANIMAL RIGHTS POLICY



WHAT WE BELIEVE

The Shooters Fishers and Farmers party believe that all animals must be treated with respect and looked after appropriately and properly when in human care.

Animals must be housed, fed and in farming farmed so as to not cause unnecessary pain or suffering.

The presence of relative levels sentience in itself is not an absolute indicator of the ability of an animal of any species to feel pain or stress.

Stress is an innate part of evolution of many species and cannot be removed from their evolutionary path by artificial human means.

Animals are not humans and should not be endowed with human rights or characteristics.

It is appropriate, necessary and right for animals to be bred, hunted or caught for human consumption. Especially as it relates to ancient or modern cultural traditions. Humans are entitled to predate on animals for food and fibre it is our evolutionary right.

Endowing animals with legally enforceable rights will result in worse welfare outcomes for animals in general by the lowering of human and animal interaction.

No one can have "rights" without commensurate responsibilities. Any construct of Rights for animals in law can only by its very nature be artificial and a form of political oppression of one part of society on another.



OUR ACTION PLAN

SFF will not support the arbitrary substitution of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals law with Animal Rights Law. They are not interchangeable.

The introduction of Animal Rights law will be opposed at all times when implemented as an end unto itself.

We will oppose the creation of animal police or a body of law that creates human rights for animals enforceable by police or those with police like powers.

Vegan and vegetarian only alternatives to human diet will be opposed should government seek to mandate these dietary choices through legislation.