



ANIMAL WELFARE POLICY



WHAT WE BELIEVE

Protect Animal Welfare. Reject Animal Rights.

The Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party believe we have dominion over all animals and they must be treated humanely, responsibly and with respect.

Animal welfare laws should focus on genuine outcomes, not ideological activism.

Australia's farmers, fishers, hunters, livestock producers, pet owners and regional communities already play a critical role in caring for animals every day.

They understand animals better than inner-city activist organisations ever will.

We reject the growing push to replace animal welfare with radical animal rights ideology.

Animals are not humans and should not be granted human-style legal rights that undermine farming, fishing, hunting, food production, medical research, conservation, or long-standing cultural practices.

Our Party will support the ethical and sustainable use of animals for:

- food production
- fibre and clothing
- fishing and hunting
- conservation and pest management
- medical and scientific research
- recreation and companionship

Humans have relied on animals for survival, food, agriculture and culture for



thousands of years. That reality should not be rewritten by ideology.

Our Party will always stand with regional communities, primary producers, and ordinary Australians against radical attempts to impose ideological animal rights agendas on society.



OUR ACTION PLAN

- Crush activist lawfare against farmers, fishers and regional industries by legislating explicit legal protections for lawful farming, fishing, hunting and animal management practices.
- Ban radical activist trespass operations on farms, feedlots, saleyards and processing facilities by introducing, direct trespass bans, stronger biosecurity offences, mandatory asset seizure powers and major financial penalties for unlawful farm invasions.
- Introduce anti-harassment laws protecting farming families, livestock transport operators, hunters, fishers and regional workers from intimidation campaigns, coordinated protests and activist interference targeting lawful industries.
- Legislate a Regional Industries Protection Charter to stop governments using animal welfare laws as a backdoor mechanism to shut down farming, fishing, hunting or regional businesses through political activism.
- Block any attempt to grant animals human-style legal rights in NSW law and prevent activist groups using the courts to undermine lawful animal industries.
- Strip taxpayer funding and government partnership status from activist organisations that engage in support for animal rights, unlawful trespass, harassment campaigns or economic sabotage targeting lawful industries.
- Force all government animal welfare policy reviews to include mandatory representation from farmers, veterinarians, fishers, hunters, livestock producers and regional communities instead of being dominated by inner-city activists.



OUR ACTION PLAN - Continued

- Strengthen legal protections for working animals by increasing penalties for attacks on farm dogs, police dogs, assistance animals and stock animals used in lawful industries and community safety roles.
- Protect ethical scientific and medical research involving animals by blocking activist-driven restrictions that threaten medical innovation, biosecurity and scientific advancement.
- Defend Australians' right to eat meat, fish, hunt and work with animals by opposing government-backed ideological dietary campaigns and activist attempts to shame our lifestyles.
- Legislate stronger protections for conservation hunting and lawful pest control programs as critical tools for environmental management, biosecurity and native species protection.
- Launch an independent inquiry into activist influence over animal welfare agencies, government departments and policy-making processes to expose ideological interference in regional industries and food production.
- Protect children and future generations from extremist anti-farming and anti-meat ideology in schools by opposing activist education programs designed to attack agriculture, hunting and animal industries.