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Dear Committee Secretary,

Re: Statutes Amendment (Animal Welfare Reforms) Bill Joint Committee

Livestock SA was formed in 2013 to represent the interests of beef cattle, sheep and goat producers across South Australia. Currently Livestock SA has over 3,500 member businesses and directly represents the vast majority of livestock production in our State.

As representatives of the Livestock industry in South Australia, we want to reinforce the ways in which we are committed to the animal welfare of our Livestock and including working dogs.

While we recognise that this does not directly relate to the Bill proposed, I would like to detail some of the ways that Livestock SA is actively involved in Animal Health and Welfare.

- Livestock SA is involved with and has representatives on the South Australian Animal Health and Welfare Advisory Committee.
- Livestock SA and South Australian Dairyfarmers Association (SADA) have recently established a joint Biosecurity, Animal Health and Welfare Advisory Committee (BAHWAC) to ensure due consideration and advice is given to the respective Boards on topics and decisions regarding animal welfare.
- Livestock SA has recently endorsed a new policy making Pain Relief (anaesthetic and analgesic) mandatory for the sheep mulesing operation while there are no other feasible measures to cease mulesing. Confidence in our policy came from the results of a recent Livestock SA Members survey that demonstrated 69% of respondents were in favour of making pain relief for mulesing mandatory. The appropriate Ministers have been informed of this endorsement.
- Livestock SA were involved in the process of creating the South Australian Animal Welfare Standards for Sheep and Cattle.
- Livestock SA has an interest in the outcomes of the current proposed changes to the Animal Welfare Regulations 2020, and has provided a submission, informed by the BAHWAC, to ensure our position on the amendments are considered by the South Australian Animal Welfare Unit.

As an industry, good animal welfare is critical and therefore, if considered appropriate Livestock SA representatives are willing to discuss our interest with the Committee.

Yours sincerely

Joe Keynes | President