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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

Neil,

Thank you for your email of 3 April 2025 regarding the petition as tabled in the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 1 April 2025 (4191-24) - *Make shade shelter mandatory for all animals*. I note that the petition requests amendments to the *Animal Care and Protection Act 2001* to include mandatory codes of practice to make the provision of species-specific shade for farmed animals mandatory.

The Queensland Government is committed to setting and enforcing legislation and standards that protect the welfare of all animals in Queensland and meet community expectations. The duty of care provision in section 17 of the Act requires, amongst other things, that people provide appropriate accommodation or living conditions for their animals.

In deciding what is appropriate, a person must consider the species, environment and circumstances of the animal, and what steps a reasonable person in the circumstances could reasonably be expected to have taken. In deciding how to meet their duty of care to livestock in their charge, the provision of appropriate shade is one of the factors that a person should consider.

The Act also adopts mandatory Codes of Practice to establish the minimum acceptable animal welfare standards for cattle, sheep, pigs, and domestic fowl. These Codes of Practice deal with appropriate accommodation and living conditions and require a person in charge to take reasonable steps to minimise the risk of harm from extreme weather conditions, which could include providing shade. There are also Codes of Practice about livestock transport and livestock at depots and saleyards. Further information is available on the Department of Primary Industries' website at www.business.qld.gov.au/industries/farms-fishing-forestry/agriculture/animal/health/welfare/codes/overview.

If someone has concerns about the welfare of an animal, including in relation to shade, they should contact the department's Customer Service Centre on 13 25 23.

I thank the petitioners for bringing their concerns to the attention of the House.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'T. Perrett', with a stylized, cursive script.

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