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NSW DPI Animal Welfare Circular

Dear AEC Chairs and contact officers,

1. Amendments to Form L – Animal Use statistics

Amendments are being considered to the system for the annual collection and collation of statistics on animal use in NSW (currently via Form L - <http://www.animaethics.org.au/forms>). The amendments will be designed to assist with the ease of collection and collation of the information, and to reduce errors in reporting. In developing a revised system, we are mindful of causing minimal disruption to establishments submitting this information. It is likely a new system will be in place for the collection of information for the 2018 reporting year.

One of the proposed changes will be to amend the current numeric codes to alphanumeric. This is because the number codes are the same for different columns of purpose, procedure and species, creating room for error. It is intended to keep the current numbers the same, but to add identifying letters before them (for example "S" before the species number code). We are considering introducing this revised coding for the current (2017) reporting year. An additional planned amendment for the 2017 reporting year will be the provision of an excel spreadsheet template for the submission of animal use information.

Advice is sought on whether the introduction of a letter in front of the current number codes could be accommodated or if this would create difficulties for the submission of information for the 2017 reporting year. Comments on the use of an excel spreadsheet template are also welcome. Comments should be provided to animal.welfare@dpi.nsw.gov.au by 30 June 2017.

2. Revised Panel Policy 2: Payment of external members of AECs

The Animal Research Review Panel has revised its Policy 2: Payment of external members of AECs

<http://www.animaethics.org.au/policies-and-guidelines/information/payment-committee-members>

3. OIE first global strategy on animal welfare

The World Organisation for Animal Health – OIE has announced its first global strategy on animal welfare.

<http://www.oie.int/en/for-the-media/press-releases/detail/article/adoption-of-the-first-oie-global-strategy-on-animal-welfare/>

4. ANZCCART conference 2017 – New Zealand

ANZCCART Conference 2017: Maintaining Social License in a Changing World - 2-4 September

<http://www.adelaide.edu.au/ANZCCART/news-events/>

With Best Wishes,
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