



LIVESTOCK WELFARE COORDINATING COMMITTEE

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POSITION STATEMENT

LIVESTOCK WELFARE ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED WITH LIVESTOCK PREDATOR CONTROL

The Livestock Welfare Coordinating Committee recognises the problems and sensitivities that surround the issue of controlling damage-causing animals that prey on livestock and strongly recommends that there should be a balanced, sustainable approach which causes the least amount of harm and suffering. However, we must emphasize that the process of predation can involve severe pain and suffering to affected livestock and that this aspect of predator control must be taken into account when deciding on the necessity or acceptability of measures that are used. Covering only the welfare of wild animals, or ecological concerns, is not enough. The welfare of livestock that can be severely maimed in the process of predation must be given equal consideration.

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