



# **LIVESTOCK WELFARE COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

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## **POSITION STATEMENT**

### **TRADITIONAL AND RELIGIOUS SLAUGHTER METHODS**

The Livestock Welfare Coordinating Committee recognises the right of groups and communities to religious freedom and to practice their customs as protected by the South African Constitution. When such practises and customs involve the slaughter of animals for whatever purpose, we believe that the methods used must be reasonable, humane and in harmony with current international concepts of animal welfare. It is incumbent on all groups and communities to ensure that their slaughter practices cause the least possible degree of distress, pain and suffering, and that these practices should be modified where necessary to meet the goals of animal welfare while conforming to the spirit of the religious or customary practice in use.

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