

As we get closer to an election, what do your Federal Politicians think about animal welfare issues?

The letter below was sent to all Federal Politicians to survey the attitude to animal welfare issues. The following responses were received:

The Democrats	Ticked all YES to our questions
The Greens	Ticked all YES to our questions
The Coalition	9 responses, 3 politicians gave positive responses
ALP	No response.
Family First Party	No response
Independants	No response



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Dear MP/Senator,

2007 Survey

Animal Liberation is conducting a survey of all Federal politicians to gauge their attitude toward major animal welfare issues.

Your responses will be printed in our RELEASE magazine and posted on our website to inform people for whom these issues are important.

In 2012 the European Union will have banned the battery system of producing eggs. Sweden has already banned the cage and Germany and Austria will ban the cage by 2009. **Would you support Australia coming into line with this progressive legislation?**

Yes / No

Sow stalls for breeding sows have been banned in Sweden (1994), United Kingdom (1999), Finland (2006), The Netherlands (2008), Denmark (2014) and the European Union wide ban will come into force by 2013. **Would you support Australia banning a system that denies animals the ability to exercise or even turn around?**

Yes / No

Australia has laws to protect the welfare of animals, based on sound scientific research and community expectation. It is ethically and morally unacceptable to export Australian animals long distances to countries where they will endure practices and treatment that would be illegal and unacceptable in Australia. **Would you support an end to live animal export?**

Yes / No

During the worst drought in Australia's history the kangaroo industry continues its push to increase overseas markets for kangaroo meat. Commercial kangaroo "harvest" quotas nationally for 2007 are totalled at 3,610,271 – the largest land kill of any species in the world. No species can withstand this kind of annual wholesale slaughter, particularly during these conditions. **Would you support a five year moratorium on this slaughter?**

Yes / No

Currently Codes of Practice for animal welfare are only guidelines, they are not enforceable. **Would you support codes being given legal recognition through prevention of cruelty to animals legislation?**

Yes / No

Further, would you support as a Commonwealth priority having uniform laws governing the protection of animals in all states and territories by introducing a National Animal Welfare Act?

Yes / No

The UN is working toward a Declaration for the Welfare of Animals and New Zealand has been invited to play a prominent supporting role. **Would you support Australia becoming a signatory to this declaration?**

Yes / No

Please return the completed survey to Animal Liberation NSW, Suite 904/32 York Street, Sydney NSW 2000.

Yours sincerely,

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