

Agricultural Competitiveness Green Paper Submission

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What are the top policies from the Green Paper that the Government should focus on in the White Paper and why?

Policy idea 6d, namely: ' enforcing animal welfare legislation and strengthening laws to stop trespass on farms'

The object should be to enhance animal welfare by suitable Federal and State mechanisms such as labelling standards and laws. The mention of trespass in the same policy idea is totally inappropriate. The notion that animal welfare is only a matter for the states ignores the need for Australia wide uniformity of requirements. As reducing red tape is an object of the reform process uniform animal welfare and labelling legislation across Australia will help reduce red tape.

What policies from the Green Paper don't you support and why?

Abolition of the Australian Animal Welfare Advisory Committee.

Not creating the position of an Inspector General of Animal Welfare

ALSO see comment to Question 1 above.

General Comment

One of Australia's advantages is the perception of good, clean healthy food production. This can be enhanced by Australia wide good and honest and comprehensive food labelling laws. While labelling may be a state responsibility this is, and should continue to be an important role of the Australian Animal Welfare Advisory Committee and the Australian Government needs to work with the states to ensure Australia wide uniformity.