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Submission to the Animal Welfare Livestock Regulations 2019

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Animal Welfare Livestock Regulations. I understand that these proposed regulations aim to set minimum standards of welfare in the livestock industry to ensure the humane treatment of the said livestock.

In order to ensure the guidelines are followed, I believe, the regulations must be clear and easily understood by those within industry who are not veterinarian qualified.

Regulations I am particularly concerned about are:

9 Unfit to travel

In 9 (1) (a)it is unable to walk independently by bearing weight on all hooves

An animal can still walk on all four hooves and be in (intense) pain. Anyone who has a pet dog will know that they are very adept at hiding their pain. Therefore, I believe this needs to be more specific. There could be a clause put in in 11 (1) where lameness is acknowledged and then referred to the "Is the animal Fit to Load" guide.

10 Unfit for sale

As above

11 Prescribed conditions

I believe 11(2)(j) allows too much room for conjecture. Therefore, in my view, it should be removed completely and the "Is the animal Fit to Load" guide referred to.

36 Duty to Protect livestock against extreme weather conditions during transport process

I'm not sure what this means as I have seen many trucks loaded with sheep being transported to Fremantle in temperatures of 35 degrees and above. I feel this regulation needs qualification.

Once again, thank you for this opportunity.

Sincerely,

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