

Dear Chay

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to The Greens position on agriculture and animal welfare;

Animal cruelty

- Do you support regular unannounced audits of all intensive farms and slaughterhouses for animal welfare checks?
Yes
- Will you commit to increasing transparency around animal welfare enforcement, as recommended by the recent Martin Inquiry?
Yes
- Will you support an independent office of animal protection/welfare and move animal welfare oversight to this department?

We support the Introduction of certification standards and independent inspection of animals used by humans for breeding, food production, research and entertainment to ensure animals' physical and cognitive needs are met. But getting these protections does not rely on getting an exclusive department

Animal agriculture

- Recognising the most animal agriculture is unsustainable and a major contributor to climate change, will you commit to stopping all subsidies to animal agriculture industries?

No, we acknowledge that most animal agriculture is unsustainable and a major contributor to climate change. Rural communities are a vital part of our society and we must ensure they have a viable future and are supported socially and economically through transformational change as a result of changing climatic conditions. The Greens support subsidies where they encourage the increased adoption of ecologically sustainable agriculture.

- Will you commit to no new intensive farms in Queensland and reducing Queensland's beef herd?

The Greens will commit to phase out intensive animal farming practices. The greens will focus on adoption of ecologically sustainable rather than arbitrary reductions in heard numbers of a specific species

Greyhound racing

- Will you prevent the development of any new greyhound or horse racing tracks in Queensland?
Yes
- Will you legislate to stop the slaughter of ex-race horses and greyhounds?
Yes

Rodeos

- Do you support a ban on calf roping?
Yes
- Do you support mandatory vets at all rodeos to ensure injured animals receive proper care?
Yes

Puppy farms

- Will you legislate to ban puppy farms/large scale breeders?

A ban will force breeders underground, The Greens will implement a nationally consistent Breeder/Supplier Permit system for anyone who breeds cats and/or dogs (purebred or non-purebred) based on user-pays inspections for compliance with legislated standards for the care and re-homing of breeding animals and their litters.

- Will you ban sale of dogs and cats at pet stores (except for legitimate rescue/rehoming)?

No, the Greens will implement nationally consistent standards of care for animals in pet shops.

Sharks and marine life

- Will you remove drumlines and sharknets and adopt a non-lethal shark control program as costed recently by Sea Shepherd, Marine Conservation Society, and Humane Society?
Yes

Regards

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