



# Dear Prime Minister,

## *Let's get serious about animal welfare.*

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Earlier this year, we took the Minister of Agriculture, Damien O'Connor, to the High Court over the Government's continued failure to phase out the use of cruel farrowing crates and mating stalls for mother pigs.

The High Court found that Minister O'Connor and his advisors from the National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (NAWAC) had acted illegally.

Now that the Government has accepted the Court's decision, it is time to take animal welfare seriously.

New Zealand needs an independent and reliable NAWAC, whose members follow the law and put the wellbeing of animals before industry interests.

It is overdue for the Government to appoint a Commissioner for Animals to oversee NAWAC and advocate for all animals. The Commissioner should report directly to Parliament and be independent of the Minister of Agriculture. We are asking you to ensure that this happens.

Under your leadership, New Zealand can once again be a world leader in animal welfare. It is time to show respect to animals and our animal welfare laws.



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