



NEW ZEALAND PORK INDUSTRY BOARD
**ANIMAL WELFARE
REGULATIONS**



Background

- Animal Welfare Act amendment in 2015
- Enabled development of regulation to sit along side the Act and Codes
- Purpose: *'to enhance clarity, transparency and enforceability of AW legislation'*

Process to date

- 85 proposals for regulations overall
- 2 submissions – May 2016; November 2016; workshop with MPI
Feb 2017 incl farm visit; another Sept 2017
- 2016 – CALVES regulations progressed
- July 2017 – 46 issues confirmed for regulation, including PIGS and handling/ transport
- Since then, a number of meetings, more information; the devil in the wording!
- David, Bruce, Kirsty, Ian Barugh, Ian Carter all heavily involved

ISSUES to be regulated (Pigs)

- Dry lying area **(I)**
- Minimum lying space for grower pigs **(P)**
- Ban on stalls (exception mating stalls) **(P)**
- Farrowing crate size **(P)**
- Tail docking (< 7 days **(I)**; > 7 days **(P)**); castration **(P)**
- Electric prodder use **(I)**
- Transport (lame, injured, pregnant) **(I)**

Next steps – *at this stage*

- Attorney General has to OK release of words by Parliamentary Drafting Office
- Draft wording to be provided *before*
- Workshop planned for towards end of November: there will be a PIGS table
- Will need good industry representation
- Manipulable material pre-farrowing NOT regulated - ***at this stage***
- Nesting material

Animal Sentience

- Concept included in AW Act amendment in 2015 ... *to recognise that animals are sentient*
- Sentience: *to feel, perceive, or experience subjectively*
- NAWAC / NAEAC holding workshop in November to consider how it will be applied
- Kirsty and I will attend