



Ministry of Civil Defence & Emergency Management

Te Rākau Whakamarumarū

Steve Glassey

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Dear Steve,

Thank you for the report 'No animal left behind: A report on animal inclusive emergency management law reform'. This is a worthy piece of work that raises a number of important matters for consideration.

As you would be aware, arrangements for animal welfare in emergencies are included in the National Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) Plan 2015 and the Guide to the National CDEM Plan 2015.

Implementation of those arrangements is ongoing and we continue to work with the Ministry for Primary Industries to coordinate with support agencies through the national Animal Welfare Subgroup. Regional level planning for animal welfare in emergencies is progressing with CDEM Groups. However, while animal management planning is improving, we acknowledge that more could be done to develop animal welfare arrangements. As such, we will continue to work with partner agencies to support improvements in animal welfare emergency management through relevant work programmes.

Further, the National CDEM Plan will be reviewed in the near future and the matters raised in the report specific to this regulation will be considered in the scope of the review.

Thank you again for bringing these matters to our attention.

Yours sincerely

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Director CDEM