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Barry O'Neil Group Director MAF Biosecurity Authority P O Box 2526 WELLINGTON

Dear Barry

re: Animal Welfare Institute of New Zealand —"approved organisation".

Enclosed is a notice of intent that the Animal Welfare Institute of New Zealand will, on the Animal Welfare Act 1999 being given its Royal assent, formally apply to be *Gazetted* as an "approved organisation".

This notice has been framed in accordance with clause 105 of the Bill. Should there be any change to the final wording of that clause that will need to be taken into account in the formal application.

The Bill could be passed within days (or weeks). I would appreciate any feedback on this notice of intent so that appropriate changes can be made to the formal notice.

The overall intent is that there is a seamless transition from the Waitakere Pilot Programme to AWINZ on commencement of the Act, as agreed with the Minister earlier this year.

Sincerely

Neil Wells Barrister