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Barry O'Neil
Group Director
MAF Biosecurity Authority
P O Box 2526
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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
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Animal Welfare Institute of New Zealand

*Notice of Intent to the Group Director,
MAF Biosecurity Authority
to be an "approved organisation"
under the Animal Welfare Act 1999*

1. Introduction

This is a preliminary notice that the Animal Welfare Institute of New Zealand intends to apply to the Group Director, MAF Biosecurity Authority, to be an "approved organisation" under section 121 of the Animal Welfare Act 1999.

Name of Applicant: Animal Welfare Institute of New Zealand.

Office: 1156 Huia Road, Huia, Auckland

Area: It is intended that the Institute will operate nationally. However, it is intended that AWINZ will be established in Waitakere City and that Animal Welfare Services will provide core services.

Relevant Information: Contained herein but specifically in section 9.

2. Waitakere City Pilot Programme

In 1995 a pilot programme between MAF Regulatory Authority and Animal Welfare Services (AWS) of Waitakere City Council resulted in 10 officers being trained to standards equal to or exceeding the training standards of the RNZSPCA.

After the training course 2 officers left the employ of AWS and one did not seek a warrant due to ill health. The other 7 officers were warranted. It is testimony to the stable environment that exists in AWS that every Inspector trained and warranted 3 years ago is still employed.

In the following 3 years AWS has been audited 3 times by the MAF Compliance Group. Each audit was reported favourably.

Because the policy development leading up to the proposed Animal Welfare Bill was evolving and required further consultation with stakeholders, MAF Regulatory Authority extended the Waitakere City pilot programme and Inspectors' appointments and, following agreement by the Minister for Food, Fibre, Biosecurity and Border Control, this will continue until the repeal of the Animals Protection Act 1960 on 1 January 2000.

3. Waitakere City's Strategic Plan

Animal Welfare Services is a business unit that operates within the infrastructure of Waitakere City.

In September 1997 Waitakere City Council commenced consideration of strategic options for its various business units including Animal Welfare Services.

Animal Welfare Services considered a number of strategic options—

- No change
- Change to a local authority trading enterprise (LATE)
- Formation of a not-for-profit body to act as the interface between community and service delivery.

It was the third option that gained favour – the formation of a charitable trust.

Over the past 2 years the City Business Advisory Unit and Animal Welfare Services have been developing the concept of forming a charitable trust. This process commenced well before the policy of “approved organisations” was included in the Animal Welfare Bill (No.2).

4. Function of the Institute

A charitable trust has been formed by Deed of Trust as the “Animal Welfare Institute of New Zealand” (AWINZ). It is being registered under Part II of the Charitable Trusts Act 1957. The founding trustees are:

- Nuala Grove
- Sarah Giltrap
- Graeme Coutts
- Neil Wells

The purpose of the Trust is to promote the welfare of animals and in furtherance of this purpose—

- (a) To prevent ill treatment to and the relief of suffering of animals;
- (b) To provide animal welfare services;
- (c) To encourage and develop by humane education individual responsibility for the welfare of animals, and the promotion of humane attitudes in society to animals and people;
- (d) To establish a quality assurance body for the enhancement of quality assured standards in animal welfare compliance activities, animal care and animal utilisation;
- (e) To support and encourage the study of animal welfare issues;
- (f) To co-operate with Government agencies in the reform of laws for the welfare of animals, and the promotion of humane attitudes in society to animals and people;
- (g) To advance the aims of the Trust by seeking the support and advice of all available moral, educational, legislative and scientific institutions, and strategic partners;

Welfare Science and the Animal Welfare Science and Bioethics Centre at Massey University, and the Veterinary Education Centre at UNITEC.

13. Transitional arrangements

The Minister for Food, Fibre, Biosecurity and Border Control has agreed that Inspectors currently warranted under the Animals Protection Act 1960 will continue to be hold office until the commencement of the Animal Welfare Act 1999.

By approving AWINZ as an approved organisation from the day the Act commences it will enable a seamless transition from the Waitakere Pilot Programme to the Animal Welfare Institute of New Zealand.

For the Board of Trustees of
the Animal Welfare Institute of New Zealand

Date: 20 August 1999