



## Dairy Industry RD&E

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Dairy industry has a high priority for animal welfare

### **National Dairy Industry Animal Welfare Strategy**

- ADIC endorsed (by farmers and manufacturers)
- Driver: “Every dairy animal is well cared for”
- Includes: research, extension/education, evaluation and review
- Delivery: focus on education
- Providers: research scientists and consultants, NCDEA, Regional Development Programs, partnerships with government extension

# Focus areas

## Calf management

- Bobby calf supply chain
- Rearing Healthy Calves

## Lameness

## Reproductive management

- Increased fertility
- Reducing calving induction

## Painful procedures

- Eliminate tail docking
- Minimise pain in horn removal

## Others

- Mastitis, Heat stress, Stockmanship
- Sick and injured cows (downers, euthanasia)
- Husbandry in large herds

# Crisis Response in Animal Welfare

## **AAWS Project Recommendations**

### Industry

- Tool kit with suite of contingency modules
  - Communications and engagement
  - Crisis response in industry plans
  - Integrate with relevant service providers (eg Health and Emergency, Beyond Blue, SES etc)

### Finance sector

- Code of conduct , policies & guidelines

### Governments

- Response plans, Coordination arrangements
- Learn form incidents)
- Improve understanding of risks
- Utilise industry resources and communication channels