

Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) – Pork industry led animal welfare standards and guidelines

Communique – Meeting 2

Date: 5 March 2026

Australian Pork Limited has initiated a project to develop Australian Animal Welfare Industry Standards and Guidelines for pigs. This project will update the Pig Code of Practice 2008 to recognise the industry and community expectation for minimum standards to evolve and reflect contemporary research and scientific advancements.

Membership of the SAG includes pork producers representing all sectors of the industry (free-range, outdoor, small, medium, large and corporate), AVA pig veterinarians, RSPCA, state and federal government participants and research experts.

Key Outcomes from SAG 2

The SAG – Pork industry led animal welfare standards and guidelines was convened on 5 March 2026.

Key outcomes from this meeting include:

- The focus of the meeting was on the A1 – Responsibilities section for the animal welfare industry standards and guidelines. The framework being followed is aligned with other existing Standards and Guidelines (e.g. poultry, cattle and sheep).
- A draft position for the objective and potential standards and guidelines for this was presented for discussion.
- Discussion focused on adding clarity to definitions such as supervision and competency. It was noted that there is a need to ensure that the standards and guidelines consider the wide breadth of producers from small pig keepers to the large commercial operations.
- The SAG agreed that having an industry intent and suggested key elements for review by the SAG for each section will be an effective way to efficiently develop standards and guidelines.

This communiqué has been developed for public use to support transparency and stakeholder awareness throughout the development and implementation of the Australian Animal Welfare Industry Standards and Guidelines process.