

Animal Welfare (Standards and Guidelines for Cattle) Code of Practice 2026

Disallowable instrument DI2025–7

made under the

Animal Welfare Act 1992, Section 22 (Approved code of practice)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Summary

The *Animal Welfare (Standards and Guidelines for Cattle) Code of Practice 2026* (the **code**) outlines minimum standards of welfare for cattle in the ACT.

This instrument revokes *Animal Welfare (Cattle) Code of Practice Approval 1993* [DI1993-167].

Scope

The code provides information and describes minimum standards of care to achieve acceptable animal welfare outcomes for cattle in the ACT.

The minimum standards in the code apply to all those with responsibilities for the care and management of cattle, including those in both the beef and dairy industries.

Development of the Code

The Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Cattle is a national set of standards which were developed and endorsed in consultation with state and territory governments, livestock industry organisations, and animal welfare groups.