

# Governing hen welfare: beyond standards and guidelines?



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Better understanding of the role of science in animal welfare policy decisions, especially in relation to the standards and guidelines process.



The objective of this project was to better understand the role of science in hen welfare governance, especially in the context of a move from a general statement of jurisdictionally variable requirements in a model codes of practice approach to one based on national standards. The project undertook a literature review and conceptual analysis, and conducted interviews with animal welfare experts to examine Australia's current approach to hen welfare governance and alternatives. The project's outcomes include the recommendation that an independent body be established to manage the development of graduated standards of welfare in the egg industry.