

## Karl Fetterplace

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**From:** Paul Garnett  
**Sent:** Monday, 26 April 2021 9:10 AM  
**To:** Karl Fetterplace  
**Cc:** Animal Welfare Mailbox; Jenny Thomson; Alice Marshall  
**Subject:** HPE CM: RE: SEARs Request: Taronga Reptile Centre (SSD 17483577) - ANIMAL WELFARE

G'day Karl,

I cannot see this project in DPI Agriculture's Major Projects Portal because the Animal Welfare Team has its own portal.

Nevertheless, I am instructed that the following is the response the Animal Welfare Team would like to provide for this SSD.

### For animal welfare matters:

- Encourage applicants to consider any animal welfare impacts of their proposal.
- Refer proponents to <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/animals-and-livestock/animal-welfare/general> for information regarding *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979* (POCTA) and animal welfare requirements including codes, standards and guidelines.
- Notify proponents that the welfare of **all animals** is protected under POCTA and its regulation, standards, codes and guidelines.
- Notify proponents that there is a range of [prescribed animal welfare codes and standards](#). For example, for [breeding dogs and cats](#), [boarding establishments](#), [pet shops](#), [commercial pig production](#) and [land transport of livestock](#).

### Additional information for all animal welfare related matters:

- Notify proponents that the NSW Department of Primary Industries (NSW DPI) is responsible for ensuring the policy and legislative frameworks in the state support good animal welfare outcomes.
- Notify proponents that NSW DPI administers the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979* (POCTA), the *Exhibited Animals Protection Act 1986* (EAPA) and the *Animal Research Act 1985* (ARA) and works in partnership with RSPCA NSW, Animal Welfare League NSW and NSW Police, which are the organisations authorised to enforce POCTA. Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission inspectors also enforce POCTA.
- Advise proponents that NSW is currently in the process of reforming its animal welfare legislation, due to be implemented by the end of 2021. The second phase of this reform will be the Regulations that sit under the Act, and the third phase will focus on the Standards that sit under the Regulations.

### Additional information for *exhibition of animals*:

- Notify proponents that the use of animals for display to the public and their welfare in NSW is regulated under the *Exhibited Animals Protection Act 1986* (EAPA), regulation, standards and license conditions.
- Notify proponents that exhibitors are required to be authorised and to comply with enforceable standards. For example, requirements such as suitability of animals, animal housing and management, transport, performance and training, and public safety.
- Refer proponents to the NSW DPI website at [Zoo, circus and other exhibited animals \(nsw.gov.au\)](#) for further information regarding exhibited animals.

### Additional information for *animals used for research and teaching (animal research establishments)*:

- Notify proponents that the use of animals for research and teaching and their welfare is regulated under the *Animal Research Act 1985* (ARA), regulation, code, and license conditions.

- The ARA requires animal research establishments to be authorised and comply with legislative requirements.
- Refer proponents to the NSW DPI website at [Animals in research & teaching \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/animals-in-research-teaching) for further information regarding animal research establishments.

Please note that DPI Agriculture has no comments to make on this proposal as it does not impact on agricultural land or resources.

Should you have any questions in relation to the above response please contact the Animal Welfare Team at [animal.welfare@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:animal.welfare@dpi.nsw.gov.au)

Yours sincerely

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Hi Alice,

Thanks, I'll look forward to hearing from Paul then.

Regards,

Karl

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Hi Karl,

Thanks for the information re Taronga's SSD application.

The Animal Welfare team has recently had input into a planning matters referral protocol developed by Jenny Thompson (BFS Strategic Programs & Partnerships).

Following this protocol, any input into this SEARs from the Animal Welfare team will come via the ALUP team, and I've cc'd Paul Garnett on this email.

Thank you, Alice

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Dear Sir/Madam,

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment has received a request for Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) for the Taronga Reptile and Amphibian Conservation Centre. The proposed development is a State Significant Development under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

The SEARs request can be viewed on the Department's Major Projects website at <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/41686>.

Please provide input into the SEARs (see attached draft) for the proposal including details of any key issues and assessment requirements by **27 April 2021**.

If you have any enquiries, please contact me on 02 9274 6263 at [karl.fetterplace@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:karl.fetterplace@planning.nsw.gov.au).

Regards,

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