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Food Standards Australia and New Zealand
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Re: NSW Farmers' Submission to Proposal P1014 Primary Production and Processing Standard for Minor Meat Species and Wild Game.

NSW Farmers is pleased to be given the opportunity to engage on the potential introduction of the Primary Production and Processing Standard for Minor Meat Species and Wild Game (P1014).

The kangaroo meat industry has grown considerably in the last 40 years in recognition of the important positive externalities it has had in controlling pest animals, particularly in the Western Division of NSW. Despite the recent downturn in market conditions for kangaroo meat, the industry has also been acknowledged for its significant economic and environmental benefits.

NSW Farmers notes that the industry is currently governed at both the national and sub-national level with regulations and guidelines covering the entire supply chain of activities involved with the harvesting kangaroo meat.

NSW Farmers therefore strongly encourages Food Standards Australia and New Zealand (FSANZ) to ensure that any proposed regulatory action, such as the potential introduction of processing standard P1014, does not detract from the viability of the kangaroo meat industry by increasing the regulatory burden on producers and processors.

NSW Farmers looks forward to a receiving a clear cost benefit analysis on the introduction of standard P1014 as one of the outcomes of this submission process.

NSW Farmers also looks forward to continued engagement with FSANZ on any developments impacting on the kangaroo meat industry.

Yours sincerely,

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