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STATEMENT: POULTRY CONSULTATION MISINFORMATION

NSW is a participant in a national process for the Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Poultry and everybody has an opportunity to have their say.

There are a number of options being considered, from the status quo through to phasing out conventional cages.

There have been no secret meetings and claims of collusion are inaccurate.

The meetings referred to by the ABC were not organised by the NSW Government, but were arranged by Animal Health Australia, the body in charge, to ensure the industries to be impacted by proposed standards were consulted. Importantly, these meetings were known to animal welfare groups.

Animals Australia were participants in one of these meetings with industry representatives in October 2015. Animal Health Australia also arranged similar meetings with groups like RSPCA who they met with in September 2015.

A list of factual errors in the ABC 7.30 story (21 December 2017) were provided by DPI to the ABC prior to the story going to air, unfortunately they choose not to correct these.

NSW is home to the country's largest caged egg industry and also the largest free range industry - which provides consumers with choice.

We are 25 days into a 90-day consultation period and we encourage all stakeholders to have their say.

Visit www.animalhealthaustralia.com.au to have your say.

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