

Which political parties are standing up for animals?



	Has a formal animal welfare policy?	Supports Independent Office of Animal Welfare?	Supports end to live export?
Australian Labor Party (ALP)	YES	YES ¹	NO
Coalition (Liberal Party & National Party)	NO ²	NO	NO
The Australian Greens	YES	YES	YES
Animal Justice Party (AJP)	YES	YES	YES
Australian Sex Party	YES	YES	YES
Health Australia Party	YES	YES	YES
Science Party	YES	YES	YES ³
Pirate Party Australia	YES	YES	NO ⁴
Derryn Hinch's Justice Party	YES	No policy	YES
Sustainable Australia	YES	No policy	YES
Australian Democrats	YES	No policy	No policy
Nick Xenophon Team (NXT)	NO	No policy	NO ⁵
Australian Independents Party	NO	No policy	No policy
Family First	NO ⁶	No policy	No policy
Democratic Labour Party (DLP)	NO	No policy	No policy
One Nation	NO	No policy	No policy
Palmer United Party	NO	No policy	No policy
Secular Party of Australia	NO	No policy	No policy
Shooters & Fishers Party	NO ⁷	No policy	NO
Katter's Australian Party (KAP)	NO	No policy	NO
Christian Democratic Party (CDP)	NO	No policy	NO

¹Labor recently announced it would establish an Independent Office of Animal Welfare if elected, however its structure is still unclear. Benefits for animals would depend on how the policy was executed and whether the Office is independent of the Department of Agriculture in its operations and decision-making.

²The Coalition has no formal animal welfare policy, but since first publication of this table they have announced a plan to ban the sale of new cosmetics tested on animals.

³The Science Party's policy states "We believe the heavily documented accounts of animal suffering justify an end to the current system of live export, and necessitate substantive changes if it is to continue."

⁴Pirate Party Australia policy is to "Enact a package of reforms to transform and improve the live exports industry", including "Provid[ing] assistance for willing live animal exporters to shift to chilled/frozen meat exports."

⁵Nick Xenophon Team's policy on live export is 'It is important that strict controls are placed on live animal exports to ensure animals are treated in accordance with Australian animal welfare standards. However, our preference is to have Australian processing and the exporting of chilled meat.'

⁶Family First's Senator Bob Day's position policy on 'Animal Protection' supports Senator Chris Back's Federal 'ag-gag' Bill, which could result in fines or imprisonment for animal advocates who publish in-depth evidence of animal cruelty from factory farms.

⁷The Shooters and Fishers Party does not have a specific animal welfare policy but has several policies that would impact animals, including to "Promote shooting, hunting and fishing as appropriate school activities."

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