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Douglas Richardson, President
Jersey Farmers' Union

BY EMAIL

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Dear Mr Richardson,

Animal Welfare & Control Review – Straying Livestock

As part of the Environment, Housing & Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel's Animal Welfare & Control Review, we are writing to clarify the two provisions within Part 4 – Straying Livestock that apply to livestock keepers in light of your earlier submission to the Panel raising concerns.

The Panel understands that under Part 4 of the [Draft Animal Welfare \(Jersey\) Law 202-](#), a person responsible for livestock commits an offence where animals stray into a public place and the person either fails to cooperate with an inspector or police officer to remove the animals to a safe place, or fails to take all reasonable steps to secure the livestock immediately.

It is also an offence for a livestock owner to fail to comply with an improvement notice that has been served under Article 17 where livestock are at risk of suffering or being injured as a result of straying into a public place because of the condition of the boundaries of the premises on which the livestock is kept.

The Panel would be grateful to receive confirmation that the Jersey Farmers' Union is comfortable with the statutory obligations that will be placed on livestock owners.

The Panel would be immensely grateful for your written response as soon as possible but no later than five working days from receipt of this letter. We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Deputy Tom Coles

Vice-Chair, Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Panel