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# FCAQI STATEMENT

## Leg banding of poultry at Queensland shows

This statement has been prepared in response to recent concerns about leg banding of poultry at Queensland agricultural shows.

**The Feather Clubs Association of Queensland Inc (FCAQI) supports choice by exhibitors and clubs with regard to leg banding at Queensland shows. We do not support mandatory leg banding of poultry at Queensland shows.**

In October 2012 the Modern Game Promotional Society launched a voluntary leg banding trial inviting breeders of Modern Game to band their birds with permanent, numbered leg rings. In 2013 the newly formed National Australian Poultry Identification Scheme Inc (NAPIS) continued on with this initial trial and extended it to include other breeds. The FCAQI supports this voluntary trial and those who wish to be involved in it.

It is not compulsory to participate in the voluntary NAPIS leg banding program.

The FCAQI supports the choice of breeders about whether they participate in this program or not.

The FCAQI also supports the decisions by individual clubs and show societies on whether they accept permanently banded birds at their shows.

Agricultural Shows run under the banner of The Queensland Chamber of Agricultural Societies Inc (QCAS). The FCAQI has not been promoting the introduction of compulsory leg banding at agricultural shows to QCAS. The FCAQI does not support any action that would jeopardise the continuation of strongly supported poultry competitions at agricultural shows throughout the State. As a democratic organisation, the position of our Association would reflect the majority of views of affiliated clubs via their delegates as per our Constitution.

The objective of the FCAQI is to assist in the preservation, promotion and appreciation of exhibition poultry including the long term health and strength of poultry shows in Queensland.

The FCAQI have contacted QCAS on this matter and are awaiting a formal response.

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**For and on behalf of  
FCAQI Management Committee**

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