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LABOR ANIMAL WELFARE POLICY MEANS MORE RED TAPE FOR FARMERS

“The Australian Labor Party’s proposed animal welfare policy will increase the red tape burden on Australian farmers,” said Evan Mulholland, spokesperson for free market think tank the Institute of Public Affairs.

On Wednesday Labor announced its intention to create an Independent Office of Animal Welfare and an Independent Inspector-General of Animal Welfare to tackle animal welfare.

“This policy shows that the Labor Party has committed to more red tape and more red tape regulators. Institute of Public Affairs [research released this week](#) highlighted 444 red tape regulators established by Julia Gillard and Kevin Rudd still exist.

“The Labor plan only means more unnecessary reporting requirements for livestock producers. Every hour farmers spend on government compliance is less time they spend working on ways to be more productive and support Australia’s growing food needs.

“Labor is wrong to assume that farmers don’t want the best for their animals,” said Mr Mulholland.

Recent IPA research also revealed that red tape costs the Australian economy [\\$176 billion each year](#) in foregone economic output.

“Only by cutting red tape will the Turnbull government and Shorten opposition be able to deliver the economic growth and prosperity they are promising,” said Mr Mulholland.

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