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Chief Executive
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Dear Vijaya

APPROVED ORGANISATION STATUS

You will be aware that the Trustees of The Animal Welfare Institute of New Zealand have come under undue pressure over recent years due to the actions of a litigant and the subsequent interest by MAF's Assurance and Risk Group. The Trustees have now decided to voluntarily withdraw their approved status.

The Trustees met with senior MAF officials on 11 August and gave notice of their intention to request that the Minister of Agriculture remove the status of AWINZ as an approved organisation. This was confirmed in writing to the Minister on 7 October 2009. A date for the removal has not yet been agreed to so it will be business as usual until the date of the Gazette notice.

We regret that we have had to make this decision but I'm sure you will understand the reasons that led to the decision.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wyn Hoadley'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping flourish at the end.

Wyn Hoadley
Chair
AWINZ Board of Trustees