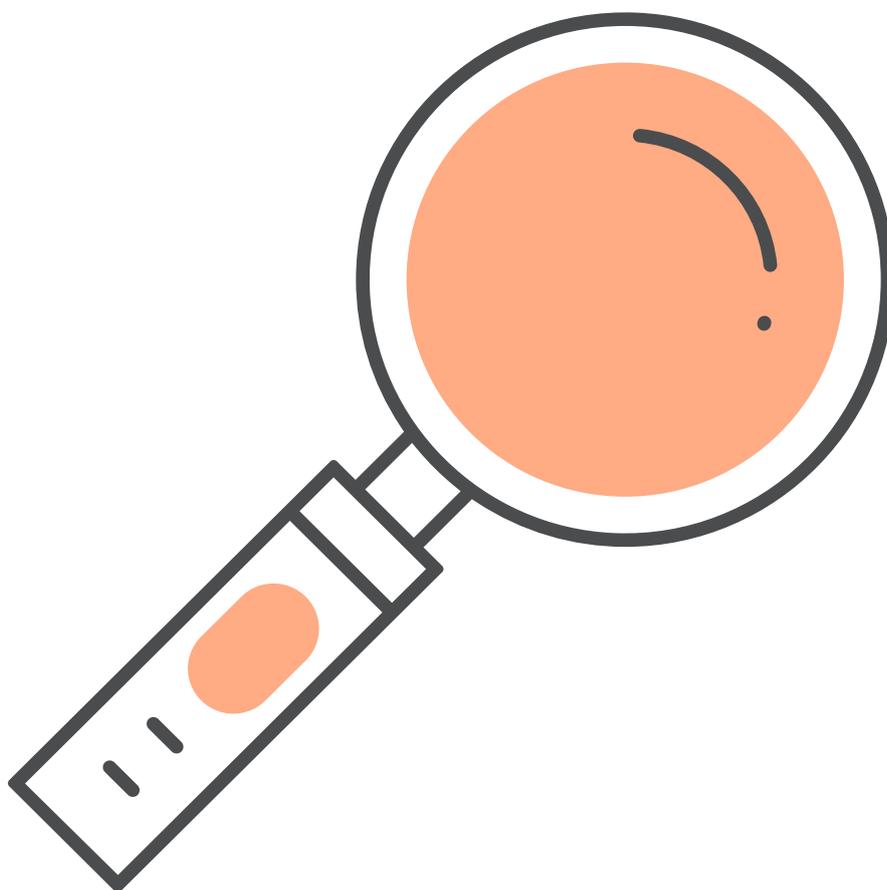


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NOTE: RSPCA Australia is opposed to the killing of wild animals for commercial purposes (unless this meets [specific criteria](#)) and to the farming of animals taken from the wild, due to the risk of pain, injury or distress arising from the capture, transport, handling and long-term confinement of these animals. See our [policy on the utilisation of wild animals](#).

Animal welfare considerations

- Feral camel mustering and handling
- Farmed camel husbandry and handling
- Long distance transport
- Slaughter methods



If you have specific questions or challenges arising from your gap analysis, get in touch with [RSPCA Australia](#).

Camels have been introduced into Australia and are not native. Many camels are feral, which means they live in the wild but have descended from domesticated or captive animals. Feral camels may be captured for stocking camel dairy farms, and replacement camels then bred directly from these originally feral animals.

Product range

Meat: fresh, processed, offal

Dairy: liquid milk, powdered products, cheese products, butter & cream products, sour milk products, whey products

By-products: gelatine, leather, pet food, pet treats

Step one

Where is camel meat, milk or by-product used in your business?

- Are you using camel meat/milk on site?
- Are you buying in products that contain camel meat/milk?
- Are you buying in camel by-products?

What camel meat, milk or by-product is used in your business?

- Is the camel meat/milk used on site fresh or value added?
- Is the camel by-product fresh or value added?

Step two

For camel meat, milk or by-product used in your business, ask your supplier:

- Is the product certified by a third party?
If so, which certification program.
- In what country/ies is the camel meat/milk/by-product farmed and manufactured?
- What is the method of sourcing or production of camels?
- Is your supplier also the producer? If not, how many suppliers are involved in the supply chain?

- Does the producer also supply camels to the live export trade?
- If product is sourced from feral camels, what is the method of capture?
- If product is sourced from farmed camels, what husbandry practices are carried out and how?
- What is the journey time for camels being transported to slaughter?
- What is the method of transport and killing/slaughter?

Step three

Compile your findings to work out the following:

- The percentage of certified camel meat/milk/by-product in your business supply chain
- The proportions of Australian camel meat/milk/by-product and any imported product
- List of producers supplying your business
- Husbandry practices, farming methods, capture methods, transport and slaughter methods

Step four

Review your organisation's current supply chain to identify the animal welfare issues using the information collected from the first three steps.

Step five

Implement plan within your organisation to address the identified issues. See RSPCA Australia's '[How to develop an animal welfare policy](#)' for more information.