The initial focus was live exports but the role has now expanded and, I presume, will cover all aspects of animal management, thus bringing in zoos, aquaria, horse and dog competition, breeding standards, and so on.

To do this job, the Inspector-General would obviously need informed, impartial, evidence-based advice, from an organisation that engages all sides of the debate.

The ideal partner is The Animal Welfare Collaborative (TAWC), a go-to place for industry, the animal welfare lobby, and government. The Inspector-General should be able to get TAWC on the phone.

In fact, I suggest that the Inspector-General's office be located alongside TAWC inBrisbane, considering the importance of Queensland in cattle exports.