



Animal Welfare Science Centre **Scientific Seminar**



Wednesday April 14th

2.00pm – 4.00pm

(afternoon tea will be provided at conclusion of seminar)

Lecture Theatre, DPI Attwood

(Melways Map 5 K2)

“Pain and Slaughter”

Prof David Mellor

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David Mellor is currently Professor of Applied Physiology and Bioethics, Professor of Animal Welfare Science and Co-Director of the Animal Welfare Science and Bioethics Centre at Massey University in New Zealand, positions he has held since 1998.

David’s research and scholarly interests include: fetal and neonatal physiology, stress physiology, pain assessment and management, and bioethics as it applies to animal welfare. He has more than 445 publications in these areas, at least 244 of which are significant works of scholarship, including 4 books. Recently he was the lead coordinating editor of an OIE (World Organisation for Animal Health) Technical Series volume entitled “Scientific assessment and management of animal pain” (OIE Technical Series 10, 1-210). With colleagues E Patterson-Kane and KJ Stafford he has just completed a book entitled “Sciences of Animal Welfare” (published by Wiley-Blackwell in 2009).

In his presentation, David will consider the following: (1) how animal welfare may be understood in terms of noxious experiences (including pain) that animals may have; (2) changes during the last 50 years in attitudes towards animal pain; (3) the global educative value of an initial focus on animal pain; (4) how past ideas about humane animal slaughter have developed; (5) the impact of science on contemporary thinking about humane slaughter methodology; and, (6) specific scientific evaluations of neck-cut slaughter with and without prior stunning.

PLEASE RSVP before 1st April, jskuse@unimelb.edu.au