

## **2025 HPAI Guidelines: Preparedness**

You can also prepare by:

Meeting with your local vet and discussing:

- Your concerns
- Their understanding of the situation and level of preparedness
- The resources available to each party (Vets will have information coming onto the NZVA website)
- Scenarios IF HPAI is present in NZ – think of some what if scenarios and have a discussion.
- What support you need from them (and vice versa)
- Messaging to the public

Meeting with your local council to discuss:

- Their response plans if there is an outbreak/incursion of HPAI
- Their body disposal plans –
- Your concerns
- What support you need from them (and vice versa)

Recommended pre-meeting reading

1. Vet Council messaging for Vets: <https://vetcouncil.org.nz/Web/Web/News/Articles/2023/Update-on-HPAI.aspx>
2. NZ Veterinary Association messaging for vets: <https://nzva.org.nz/home/news/hpai-update-mpi/>
3. Safe waste management: <https://www.epa.gov/homeland-security-waste/carcass-management-during-avian-influenza-outbreaks>