

Inquiry into the Animal Care and Protection Amendment Bill 2022

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Change to the bill:-

Submission 1 - Animal Care and Protection Act 2012

add a new subclause, my submission is highlighted in red

Clause 15 Insertion of New S 41B

(3) Without limiting subsection (2)(c), reasonable steps include—

- (a) scanning the animal for a microchip; and
- (b) searching any relevant registers; and
- (c) searching the animal for any other form of identification, including, for example, collars or tags.
- (d) notify relevant registry animal has been destroyed.

Submission 2 - Animal Care and Protection Act 2012

New clause for Chapter 4B Obligations relating to livestock slaughter facilities. My submission is highlighted in red.

Horses post-mortem steps include (regardless of suspected breed)—

- (a) scanning the animal for a microchip; and
- (b) searching any relevant registers; and
- (c) searching the animal for any other form of identification, including, for example, brandings.
- (d) notify relevant registry animal has been destroyed.

Submission 3 – Racing Integrity Act

Add a new subclause, my submission is highlighted in red New Chapter 5A Reporting and recording requirements for livestock slaughter facilities

210A Reporting requirement for supplier of horses to livestock slaughter facilities

A person (a supplier) who supplies a horse to a livestock slaughter facility must give the following information about the supply to the owner of the facility—

- (a) if the horse has a brand—a photograph or drawing of the brand;
- (b) the horse's microchip number;
- (c) the supplier's contact details;
- (d) the day the supplier took possession of the horse;
- (e) the contact details of the person who transported the horse to the facility.
- (f) Property Identification Code the horse has been moved from.

Changes to the current acts not in the bill:-

Submission 4 – Racing Integrity Act

Add a new subclause, my submission is highlighted in red

210C Reporting obligation of owner of livestock slaughter facility

(1) The owner of a livestock slaughter facility must—

(a) for each month that a horse arrives at the facility, prepare a report that includes the following information—

(i) the number of horses that arrived at the facility during that month;

(ii) other information prescribed by regulation **including individual microchip numbers**; and

(b) give the commission a copy of the report no later than 5 days after the end of the month to which the report relates.

Submission 5 – Racing Integrity Act

Add a new clause, my submission is highlighted in red,

Division 6 Authorised officer’s power to destroy animals, 96 Power of destruction.

An authorised officer may destroy an animal, or cause it to be destroyed, if—

(a) an authorised officer has seized the animal under this part or the person in charge of the animal has given written consent to the destruction; and

(b) the authorised officer reasonably believes that the animal is in pain to the extent that it is cruel to keep it alive; and

(c) scanning the animal for a microchip; and

(d) searching any relevant registers; and

(e) searching the animal for any other form of identification, including, for example, brandings.

(f) notify relevant registry animal has been destroyed.

Submission 6 – Animal Care and Protection Regulation

Add a new clause to protect young foals from being force weaned at sale yards.

Part 2 General requirements for depots and saleyards.

NEW Lactating horses with dependent young presented for sale must be sold as one lot and must remain together until the weaning process has been completed.

Submission 7 – Animal Care and Protection Regulation

Add a new clause to 30 Suitability of horse of Part 6 Particular rodeo activities

my submission is highlighted in red

2) If the horse is no longer to be used as a bucking horse and is sold, all parties must be aware of the horse’s involvement in the Rodeo and possible risk that it may be a dangerous horse.

Submission 8 - Part 2 General requirements for depots and saleyards

Add a new clause to 4 Inspection of depot or saleyard, my submission is highlighted in red

(1) The owner or operator of a depot or saleyard must ensure the depot or saleyard is inspected to check the following matters—

(a) that surfaces and flooring are being maintained to minimise the risk of injury to livestock from slipping or falling;

(b) that pens are draining freely; Schedule 3AA Animal Care and Protection Regulation 2012 Current as at 8 May 2022 Page 121 Authorised by the Parliamentary Counsel

(c) whether any boggy areas need to be filled with gravel or woodchips;

(d) vessels supplying animals with water are clean and clear of algae.

Submission 9 - Part 2 General requirements for transporting all livestock

Add a new clause to 12 Suitability of road-going vehicle, my submission is highlighted in red

The driver of a road-going vehicle transporting livestock must ensure the vehicle—

(a) is suitable for the class of livestock being transported; and

(b) has effective airflow that is appropriate for the class of livestock being transported; and

(c) has a surface or flooring that minimises the risk of injury, from slipping or falling, to the livestock; and

(d) is free from internal protrusions and objects that may cause injury to the livestock; and

(e) has sufficient vertical clearance to minimise the risk of injury to the livestock;

(f) Stock creates must not be used for transporting horses;

Thank you