

Inquiry into the Animal Care and Protection Amendment Bill 2022

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Welfare in the act of which the bill is amending is understood as: "issues about the health, safety or wellbeing of the animal", yet it continues to be seen that the wellbeing of animals is put second to the wants of humans and enabled by it's legally uncontested accessibility. The existence of the many who conform regularly to the "vegan" and "vegetarian" ideologies and practices, validates the obsolescence of the mediums; entertainment/hunting, foodstuffs, labor, testing. These mediums do exploit the inability animals have to speak to the value of their freedom and lives. Primarily, the unnecessary nature of these practices, make the point one of no valuable contention. Humans haven't a valid reason to exhibit power over those considered animals by the bill, to suggest otherwise is to perceive a difference in the value of lives due to: A. hypocritical criteria on the complexity of the brain, or B. deliverance of greater significance to the perception of humans, than to the perception of any other conscious parties that co-exist with humans. An animal adapts fear of what hurts and disposes it through it's own experiences, plants (being the point of relativity, when animals aren't compared to humans) do this via generational adaptations over years. Perception exists in animals, this means they are able to respond and adjust their behaviours in their lifetime as they do; perception can only be understood as the presence of consciousness and is chosen to be ignored to continue the mistreatment of animals. Poisoning and/or torturing animals is wrong, ending the life against the obvious will of an animal is wrong, choosing to put an animal through a painful or extraneous ritual of any kind is wrong; i recommend this bill takes effort addresses the welfare of animals without conceding to the bias of the status quo. Until the absence of consciousness in animals can be absolutely proven without denial, these practices will remain unethical. No different to the way enacting any form of justice without proof and adequate understanding is unethical.