

Inquiry into the Animal Care and Protection Amendment Bill 2022

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SUBMISSION FOR A STRONGER QUEENSLAND'S ANIMAL WELFARE LAWS ESPECIALLY FOR FARMED ANIMALS.

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The present changes to the Animal Care & Protection Amendment Bill 2022 are very minimal, nothing really for farmed animals.

What is urgently is needed and hopefully the new Federal Government will bring this in, is for an Independent Office of Animals Welfare, this should also be in each State as well, instead of letting the RSPCA handle this, the QLD RSPCA has an appalling record has in relation to the welfare of animals. The welfare of animals shouldn't be under the control of the Minister of Agriculture's Office, they are looking after the farmers, so they have conflict of interest in the welfare of especially farmed animals. THIS IS NOT GOOD GOVERNMENTAL CARE OF FARMED ANIMALS.

Please in this modern world, the sentience of animals should be acknowledged by this government.

Please ban 1080 like other countries have.

The welfare of farmed animals is not addressed in the revision of this Act.

No requirement of shelter for cattle and sheep in feedlots, over crowding in feedlots.

The transparency of the use of antibiotics especially for cattle and pigs.

Pig farming, the fact that male pigs have their testicles removed with out the use of anaesthetic also tail docking and teeth grounding with out anaesthetic is cruel and would not be tolerated under POCTA if done to a dog or a cat, people would be prosecuted.

Also, gestation and farrowing crates should not be used, as this stops pigs from having any natural way of being and the sow cannot interact with her piglets as they are unable to move.

Pig farms are also a breeding ground for the viruses of the future, swine flu in pigs will mutate, what is going to be done to stop this in the future.

All farmed animals need to be treated with respect, from birth till death. Mandatory CCTV camera should be installed in all factory farms, slaughterhouses and monitored regularly for any breeches of the Cruelty to Animal's Act.

No surgical procedures should be done on farmed animals if they are NOT a VET or if they have not done an accredited extensive training course.

I also urge the committee to consider changes to the following amendments:

(3) welcome the inclusion of all Cephalapoda in the Act under the definition of Animals. However, I would like to see the inclusion of some Malacostraca such as crabs, crayfish, lobsters and prawns, in line with modern animal welfare science.

(7) Calf roping should be banned, the Act should be changed to ban this at rodeos, as this caused considerable stress, fear and pain to baby calves.

(10) with the lack of monitoring of procedures done to farmed animals, I would think that at least having a VET to do these procedures, farm workers should not be responsible for these procedures.

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(22) All slaughterhouse facilities should have CCTV monitoring and these recordings should be monitored.

Inspectors should be able to visit all slaughterhouses without NOTICE.

S178 (3) should be amended to explicitly allow private prosecution of animal cruelty offences, as well as by the Queensland police and RSPCA QLD.

The RSPCA QLD need to have more power to prosecute animal cruelty. There must be mandatory reporting of animal cruelty. Also, RSPCA should be monitored and head accountable as an organisation.

PLEASE REVIEW QUEENSLAND'S CODES OF PRACTICE FOR ALL ASPECTS OF DOMESTIC AND FARMED ANIMALS TO MAKE SURE NO ACTS OF CRUELTY IS INVOLVED, no pain is inflicted, no fear is inflicted, no lacking in the environment that the animals natural instincts are limited or cannot be displayed, enough water and food provided, shelter from sun and rain and most of all care and compassion given for all animals.