

Inquiry into the Animal Care and Protection Amendment Bill 2022

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I plead the government to commit to further reviews and amendments to the Act and to seriously consider:- An Independent Office of Animal Protection, separate from the Department of Agriculture.- Banning calf roping and other cruel events in the name of entertainment. - Give further consideration to mandatory reporting of suspected animal cruelty cases.- Specifically, acknowledge the sentience of non-human animals in the Act.- Make significant changes to factory farming and other farmed animal welfare, including transport, and slaughter, and ensure codes of practice do not provide excuses for committing acts of cruelty.- Major changes to monitoring and enforcement of animal welfare, particularly for farmed animals. This should also include increased transparency around enforcement action taken by the Department of Agriculture.