

Inquiry into the Animal Care and Protection Amendment Bill 2022

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I agree with all points raised in Animal Welfare League QLD's submission. I also strongly suggest shade requirements for animals at pasture (horses, cattle, sheep etc etc) who often suffer heat stress and rain scald. This will get worse of course as our climate collapses. Welfare for farmed animals hardly exists. There is a lot of work to do there. The legislation should stop treating animals as property and further acknowledge their rights and our obligations as their caretakers. There should be a move away from voluntary guidelines and into firm laws with criminal prosecution. If I can't do it to a pet dog in my backyard then why can they do it to a sow/chicken/lamb/rabbit on a farm... There needs to be more funding for biosecurity and RSPCA investigators. In many remote areas there's just no oversight. I would like to see further work done for pet and sport horses including investigations into use of painful training and riding techniques such as the use of the bit (yes I'm talking all bits - even a simple snaffle's point is to cause pain), whips, spurs, running to exhaustion (ie "join up" type training methods). Race horses are started much too early, before the skeletal system is fully developed ie 5.5/6yrs causing pain and damage down the line. If you think prong collars on dogs are bad, walk into any tack shop and see rows and rows of torture devices for horses. In fact there's a lot to do for horses - let's do a whole 'nother Bill! Thanks for reading and wish you all the best with your historic reforms. Hope you are adequately staffed to continue this work as there's lots to do.