

**Inquiry into the Animal Care and Protection Amendment Bill 2022**

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This review is long overdue. People these days recognise that all animals feel pain as humans. It is no longer acceptable to hide cruelty behind the guise of business and habitat loss is destroying our native wildlife. All animals need strong protections that are enforced along with harsh penalties. Minimum sentences and fines need to be high so as to be a real deterrent. Paltry minimum sentences and fines only lead to precedent being set low. Farm animals need protection from cruelty as well. This is an opportunity to bring animal protection up to date. Cruelty is unacceptable in any situation whether domestic pets, farmed animals or wildlife that is maimed and killed during land clearing. People expect strong laws to protect all animals and punishments to deter and actually punish those who treat animals cruelly. Please advocate for animals without succumbing to the pressure of those who only care for money/profits regardless of the suffering of the animals they use and abuse.