

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

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I am deeply concerned about the inaction on what are objectively the biggest problems in animal welfare. The bill does virtually nothing for factory farmed animals. The bill does not contribute to any independent office of animal protection. It does not improve the embarrassing lack of enforcement (such as unannounced visits, undercover investigations and prosecutions) of existing laws that are themselves completely inadequate. Self-regulation or regulatory capture is absolutely unacceptable, especially for animals, as they can never report wrongdoing. Their vulnerability requires special protections, not less protections. Australia scores E on the animal protection index for farm animal welfare - this is disgraceful. There are no excuses for having anything less than the very best animal welfare standards in the world. We should overhaul animal welfare protections for factory farmed animals, ideally phasing out high density operations where real animal welfare is impossible. <https://api.worldanimalprotection.org/country/australia#Legislation>