

Inquiry into the Animal Care and Protection Amendment Bill 2022

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Animals are sentient beings and as such the penalties need to match the crimes committed against them. The low financial and incarceration penalties are no deterrent to the cruel treatment so many animals suffer. It's appalling that a first world country like Australia ranks behind Mexico by scoring a shocking D rating according to the international animal index report - this is not good enough and needs urgent legislative addressing. Our politicians have been incredibly slow in addressing urgent animal and environmental issues. Perhaps the starting point could be to reclassify animals - that they are classified as "property" says it all.