

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

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I see and read what happens when the care of animals goes wrong and have not come across one case where the penalty was sufficient. I am yet to see a case of a person having a conviction recorded against them. This needs to be mandatory. Also, it is pointless just having a maximum penalty for example, imprisonment. There needs to be a minimum so that every person found guilty is penalised, especially in fines and costs and if not imprisoned, then a penalty in lieu of. This should be tiered to cover the severity of each case. EG if many animals are involved, then the penalties should be much greater than for one or two animals. Recently a man wearing a clown mask broke into the RSPCA Dakabin, cut open locks and doors and stole a puppy called Cashew. That little pup was absolutely terrified as could clearly be seen on the video. He had only just had surgery as well. No conviction was recorded and the costs were but a trifle. The pen has yet to be fixed and as a charity the RSPCA have to find extra money to repair the door when that money is sorely needed to look after the animals. This man should have been fined enough to cover these costs as well as the court costs.