

Inquiry into the Animal Care and Protection Amendment Bill 2022

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That animals are treated as sentient beings. That including care within agriculture, transport and private homes. As someone who fosters rescues, and I can speak for all rescuers we see cases of people dumping pets and unwanted litters - whether that's in a pound facility or in the bush, neglect and starvation, cruelty and torture, puppy farming.. the list goes on. We as the community put our hearts and souls into taking these animals in, teaching them to love again and finding homes for them. It breaks our heart over and over, yet what breaks it more is seeing pathetic and minimal criminal punishment for people actually doing the damage. It's about time we stood up like many other countries already have and start teaching our next generation that this is not ok. And the only way to do this is to change the legislation and law.