

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

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Re: Letter of support - Australian Alliance for Animals submission on the Queensland Animal Care and Protection Act.

Dear Mr Whiting,

Thank you for this opportunity to present a submission regarding the Queensland Animal Care and Protection Act (ACPA). World Animal Protection fully endorses the detailed submission lodged by the Australian Alliance for Animals with regards to the proposed amendments in this draft legislation.

While our organisation supports all recommendations made in the submission from the Alliance, we particularly want to echo the recommendation for the recognition of animal sentience within the objects of the Act. We would note that other Australian and International jurisdictions have now moved to include animal sentience within similar legislation. The ACT included recognition of animal sentience in 2019, and Victoria is reviewing recommendations to include similar provisions in their animal welfare legislation. Similarly, New Zealand and countries across the European Union have formally recognised animal sentience in their legislation. Queensland is a key primary producing state with a significant export industry. It would be beneficial for both animal welfare, and for the reputation of the industry in trade negotiations, to formally recognise animal sentience.

In addition, World Animal Protection sees significant value in the recommendation from the Alliance, to establish a Queensland Animal Welfare Authority. This could assist with regulatory compliance and overseeing the development and implementation of codes of practice. Furthermore, an independent authority would help to improve public confidence in the welfare standards within the animal agriculture industry in Queensland.

Thank you for reading and considering our letter of support for the full submission from the Australian Alliance for Animals. If there are further opportunities for involvement in this legislative review process, please notify our organisation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Pearson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ben Pearson  
Country Director  
World Animal Protection Australia