

Inquiry into the Animal Care and Protection Amendment Bill 2022

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Whilst the Bill offers some significant improvements to animal welfare the opportunity to further protect animals from cruelty should not be neglected, In this respect the Bill should:- ban calf roping - these animals are far too young to be subjected to the rigours and stress of this activity;- ban 1080 poison, the painful, torturous and slow death it causes to animals is unforgivable let alone the damage it causes to the environment;- the capacity of animals to have feelings and sensations should be acknowledged - it should also be publicly promoted;- there should be a five year statutory prosecution period - 12 or 18 months will often elapse before there is knowledge, let alone investigation, of an offence;- there should be meaningful changes to protect all farm animals - including their daily environment;- the legislation should apply to all forms of non-human life such as crabs, fish, prawns, etc;- the definition of livestock slaughter facilities should be extended to all livestock not just horses;- the power of inspectors and cctv recording should apply to all slaughter houses;- there should be no restriction on who may prosecute animal welfare offences - the proposed restriction is a step backwards;- there should be an independent Office of Animal Welfare and Protection which should not only be capable of prosecuting offences but also be charged with promoting the sentience of animals. with the responsibility of promoting public awareness of the sentience of animals