

Inquiry into the Animal Care and Protection Amendment Bill 2022

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Animal Care and Protection Amendment Bill 2022. I applaud the Bill's objective "to modernise Queensland's animal welfare laws to reflect modern scientific knowledge, community attitudes and expectations", however, note that, for many reasons, the Bill does not come close to reflecting modern scientific knowledge or community expectations. I ask the Committee to take further steps towards achieving the Bill's objective by amending the Bill to: 1.reflect modern scientific knowledge and to formally recognise the sentience of animals by adopting the wording of section 4A of the Animal Welfare Act 1992 (ACT) in full;2.reflect modern scientific knowledge that animals feel pain and mandate that surgical procedures on any animal should only be performed by veterinarians or by competent technicians in the presence of a veterinarian, and only for veterinary medical reasons.3.reflect modern scientific knowledge of the ineffectiveness of animal experimentation translating into benefits for humans, and the scientific knowledge that animals are sentient, by banning the use of animals for scientific purposes other than when there is a net benefit for the individual animal involved.4.mandate the use and independent monitoring of CCTV cameras in animal commercial operations; and

5.remove the conflict of interest inherent in the current regulatory framework by establishing an independent animal protection statutory authority.