

Inquiry into the Animal Care and Protection Amendment Bill 2022

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Overall, the proposed bill has offered some important improvements for animal welfare in Queensland. However, it does not represent the rapidly changing community expectations and concerns where not enough is being done to protect farmed, domestic and native animals. Please consider changes to the following amendments:-(7) Calf roping must be banned at all rodeo events. The act of calf roping that is inflicted on small calves by over exuberant men and women for entertainment purposes is unjustifiable and morally wrong. This event causes significant stress to vulnerable animals who do not give consent to be brutally handled, thrown violently to ground while having their neck wrenched over their shoulders.-(22) Livestock slaughter facilities must include all facilities and not only horses when CCTV is being implemented in the Bill. Slaughterhouses are places of unspeakable horrors where animals are considered by products before they are killed. Having CCTV in all facilities with independent monitoring will enable any violent acts or cruel treatment of animals to be investigated fully. Only with stronger penalties can animal cruelty be deterred where animals are regularly mistreated. Similarly, for the same reasons of animal welfare concerns, inspectors must be given the power to enter a slaughterhouse or factory farm without a warrant or permission from the owner.-(16) The ban of CSSP pig poison is an important improvement. However, this must not be limited to only CSSP pig poison and must be extended to include 1080. To see the effects of 1080 on a dog and the agonizing death it endured is one of the most disgusting things I have ever seen. 1080 is a poison of suffering, animal cruelty and our inhumanity inflicted on another creature. In addition to the points I have raised above, I ask the government to further review and properly consider:- There must be an Independent Office of Animal Protection, separate from the Department of Agriculture. -Ban calf roping and other cruel events that exploit animals for entertainment. -Make changes to not only include CCTV in all slaughterhouses but to make meaningful changes to factory farming, including transport of livestock and ensure codes of practice do not provide excuses for committing acts of cruelty. Lastly, in my submission I would like to voice my concerns for the welfare of our Australian native animals. Our kangaroos are being slaughtered en masse and our koalas are losing the battle against extinction due to severe tree clearing in SE Queensland. There must be stronger laws to protect our native wildlife.