

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

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I am appalled by the Animal Care and Protection Amendment Bill. This is supposed to be a 20 years review to be bringing in important changes but it does nothing of the sort. It's pitifully weak and will make no difference at all to the majority of animals. Even the measure which was announced as the jewel in the crown, the ban on pronged collar is only a ban unless there is a reasonable excuse. What a joke! What is needed is amendments that can overcome the enormous amount of cruelty experienced by so many millions of animal in Queensland, mostly the farmed animals. The agriculture sector has for far too long been able to dictate how animals should be treated, that is so that they can make as much profit as possible from their exploitation. Enough is enough! Any self respecting animal protection Bill must include:- a recognition that the Department of Agriculture has such strong vested interests in supporting farmers that it is incapable of being in charge of animal protection - An independent agency is required to take on this role- a recognition that animals have intrinsic value and are sentient - this scientific fact has been recongised in the EU, UK, the ACT and soon in Victoria- a ban on entertainment that causes animals to suffer - rodeos, horse racing, greyhound racing, etc- a ban on poisons and traps that cause animal suffering and are non specific (1080, rat poisons, opera house traps, steel jaw traps, glue traps, etc)- a complete ban on pronged collars, electric collars and any of these nasty training techniques- a ban on cattle spaying, teeth clipping (piglets), beak trimming (hens), maceration (chickens), mulesing (sheep), tail docking (piglets and dairy cows), removal of baby from their mothers (cows, pigs, sheep)- and much much more funding for enforcement. It is ludicrous that the RSPCA is expected to fundraise to conduct its prosecutions Unless these measures are taken the law will not be worth the paper it is printed on!