

**INQUIRY INTO ANIMAL WELFARE POLICY IN NEW
SOUTH WALES**

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The proposed Animal Welfare Bill 2022 falls short of community expectations in a number of areas.

Animals in NSW need laws that will:

Recognize animal sentience and the intrinsic value of animals.

Stop carving out exemptions for farm animals which allow continuation of cruel practices such as:

- mulesing of lambs
- hot iron branding of cattle
- carrying out painful procedures without mandatory pain relief
- intensive confinement, such as battery cages and sow stalls

Establish well-funded and independent compliance and enforcement regimes, free from conflicts of interest through and independent NSW Animal Welfare Authority.

I support minimum care requirements for animals, including opportunities to express normal behaviours.

I also support the expansion of the definition of animals to include cephalopods and decapods.

I support the inclusion of psychological suffering in the definition of harm to animals.