



New South Wales

Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Amendment (Gassing Devices Prohibition) Bill 2023

Explanatory note

This explanatory note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament.

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to amend the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979* (the *Act*) to make it an offence to use gassing devices on pigs in abattoirs and to clarify that guidelines prescribed or adopted under the Act, section 34A(1) have no effect to the extent of an inconsistency with the Act or regulations made under the Act.

Outline of provisions

Clause 1 sets out the name, also called the short title, of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the proposed Act on the first anniversary of the date of assent to the proposed Act.

Clause 3 amends the Act to—

- (a) insert proposed section 16A, which makes it an offence for a person to use, or cause or permit the use of, gassing devices on pigs in abattoirs, and
- (b) exclude certain defences from being available to a person accused of the offence in proposed section 16A, and
- (c) make clear that guidelines prescribed or adopted by the regulations under the Act, section 34A(1) have no effect to the extent the guidelines are inconsistent with a provision of the Act or the regulations.