



New South Wales

Animal Research Amendment (Prohibition of Forced Swim Tests and Forced Smoke Inhalation Experiments) 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 prohibit the carrying out of forced smoke inhalation experiments and forced swim tests.

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 date of assent to the proposed Act.

Schedule 1 Amendment of Animal Research Act 1985 No 123

Schedule 1[1] provides that an animal research authority must not authorise, or purport to authorise, the carrying out of—

- (a) a forced smoke inhalation experiment, in which an animal is placed in an instrument of restraint and forced to inhale smoke administered directly to the animal's nose or head, or
- (b) a forced swim test, in which an animal is placed in water and forced to swim, as the animal is unable to escape or stand.

The forced swim test does not include animal research that has the effect, or likely effect, of protecting or promoting the welfare of the animal on which the research is carried out. **Schedule 1[2]** makes a consequential amendment.

Schedule 1[3] makes an amendment of a transitional nature.