

New South Wales

Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Amendment (Prosecutions) Bill 2007

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I certify that this public bill, which originated in the Legislative Assembly, has finally passed the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales.

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly. Legislative Assembly, Sydney, , 2007



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Act No , 2007

An Act to amend the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979* in relation to the persons and organisations authorised to institute proceedings under that Act.

I have examined this bill and find it to correspond in all respects with the bill as finally passed by both Houses.

Assistant Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

The Legislature of New South Wales enacts:

1 Name of Act

This Act is the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Amendment (Prosecutions) Act 2007.

2 Commencement

This Act commences on 1 January 2008.

3 Amendment of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979 No 200

The *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979* is amended as set out in Schedule 1.

4 Repeal of Act

- (1) This Act is repealed on the day following the day on which this Act commences.
- (2) The repeal of this Act does not, because of the operation of section 30 of the *Interpretation Act 1987*, affect any amendment made by this Act.

Amendments Schedule 1

Schedule 1 Amendments

(Section 3)

[1] Section 34AA

Insert after section 34:

34AA Authority to prosecute

- (1) Proceedings for an offence against this Act or the regulations may be instituted only by:
 - (a) an approved charitable organisation, or
 - (b) an inspector within the meaning of Division 2 of Part 2A, other than a police officer, or
 - (c) a police officer, or
 - (d) the Minister or the Director-General of the Department of Primary Industries, or
 - (e) a person with the written consent of the Minister or that Director-General, or
 - (f) any other person or body prescribed by the regulations for the purpose of this section.
- (2) In proceedings for an offence against this Act or the regulations, a consent to institute the proceedings, purporting to have been signed by the Minister or the Director-General of the Department of Primary Industries, is evidence of that consent without proof of the signature of the Minister or Director-General.

[2] Schedule 2 Savings and transitional provisions

Insert at the end of clause 1 (1):

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Amendments

[3] Schedule 2, Part 5

Insert after Part 4:

Part 5 Provision consequent on enactment of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Amendment (Prosecutions) Act 2007

8 Proceedings for offences

Section 34AA does not apply to offences committed before the commencement of that section.