



New South Wales

Animal Research Amendment (Reduction in Deaths of Dogs and Cats Used for Research) Bill 2018

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 *Animal Research Act 1985* to require a person, as a condition of the person's accreditation as a research establishment or the person's animal research authority, to take all reasonable steps to home a dog or cat that is no longer required by the person for animal research purposes unless a vet has determined that the dog or cat is not suitable to be homed. Such reasonable steps include:

- (a) socialising or training the dog or cat to ensure that the dog or cat is suitable for homing, or
- (b) causing the dog or cat to be given to a person or animal homing organisation, or
- (c) any other action taken in accordance with the Code of Practice under that Act.

The Bill provides that a dog or cat is taken to be no longer required by a person for animal research purposes if the dog or cat has been kept by the person for more than 6 months.

Failure to comply with the proposed requirement is grounds for a complaint under Part 4 of the *Animal Research Act 1985* and may result in the cancellation or suspension of the person's accreditation or authority.

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 amends the *Animal Research Act 1985* to give effect to the object set out in the Overview.

Schedule 2 makes a consequential amendment to the *Animal Research Regulation 2010*.