



New South Wales

Animal Protection and Crimes Legislation Amendment (Reporting Animal Cruelty and Protection of Animal Enterprises) Bill 2018

Explanatory note

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

Overview of Bill

The objects of this Bill are as follows:

- (a) to amend the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979* to require persons who record serious acts of cruelty to animals to report the act, and provide the recording, to a police officer or other relevant officer under that Act (which includes an RSPCA inspector),
- (b) to amend the *Crimes Act 1900* to create the following offences:
 - (i) destroying or damaging property used in connection with a lawful animal enterprise with the intention of interfering with the carrying on of the enterprise,
 - (ii) engaging in conduct involving threats, vandalism, damage to property, trespass, harassment or intimidation against or in relation to persons who are carrying on (or are connected with) a lawful animal enterprise.

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 3 months after the date of assent unless commenced sooner by proclamation.

Schedule 1 amends the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979* to give effect to the object described in paragraph (a) of the above Overview.

Schedule 2 amends the *Crimes Act 1900* to give effect to the object described in paragraph (b) of the above Overview.