



New South Wales

Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Amendment (Restrictions on Stock Animal Procedures) Bill 2019

Explanatory note

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

Overview of Bill

The objects of this Bill are—

- (a) to prohibit the performance of the Mules operation on sheep, and
- (b) to require the administration of pain relief in certain procedures involving stock animals.

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, other than consequential amendments relating to the proposed prohibition of the Mules operation. These proposed amendments will commence on 1 January 2022.

Schedule 1 Amendment of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979 No 200

Schedule 1[1] prohibits the Mules operation being performed on sheep. However, a person does not commit an offence under the proposed section until on or after 1 January 2022. **Schedule 1[2]–[4]** make consequential amendments.

Schedule 1[5] provides that, in the course of undertaking certain procedures involving stock animals, a person must administer an analgesic or other appropriate form of pain relief to the animal in order to have the benefit of a defence to certain animal cruelty offences.

Schedule 2 Amendment of other legislation

Schedule 2 makes consequential amendments to the *Veterinary Practice Act 2003* and *Veterinary Practice Regulation 2013* as a result of the proposed prohibition of the Mules operation.