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Animal Research Amendment (Right to Release) Bill 2022

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Proposed amendments

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No. 1 **Certain animals may be kept for longer than 3 years**

Page 3, Schedule 1, Insert before line 2—

**[1A] Section 11 Annual reports**

Insert after section 11(1)—

- (1A) Without limiting subsection (1), the report must include the following information about applications made to the Panel under section 54C(4)(a)—
- (a) the number of applications made,
  - (b) the number of applications approved,
  - (c) the number of applications refused,
  - (d) for each application approved—
    - (i) the number of animals subject to the approval, and
    - (ii) the length of the animal research project, and
    - (iii) the reasons the relevant animal care and ethics committee was satisfied the project was justified to run for longer than 3 years, and
    - (iv) the nature of the research.

No. 2 **Certain animals may be kept for longer than 3 years**

Page 4, Schedule 1[3], proposed section 54C(4)(a), line 21. Omit “Minister”. Insert instead “Panel”.

No. 3 **Certain animals may be kept for longer than 3 years**

Page 4, Schedule 1[3], proposed section 54C. Insert after line 23—

- (4A) An application for approval under subsection (4)(a) must not be made without the approval of the animal care and ethics committee supervising the research project.
- (4B) The animal care and ethics committee must not give approval unless—
- (a) the committee is satisfied the animal research project is justified to run for longer than 3 years, and

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- (b) at least 1 Category A member of the committee is satisfied animal welfare will not be compromised.

(4C) An application under subsection (4)(a) must include—

- (a) proof of the animal care and ethics committee's approval, and
- (b) the reasons the committee is satisfied the project is justified to run for more than 3 years.

No. 4 **Certain animals may be kept for longer than 3 years**

Page 4, Schedule 1[3], proposed section 54C(5) and (6), lines 24–27. Omit all words on those lines.

No. 5 **Certain animals may be kept for longer than 3 years**

Page 4, Schedule 1[3], proposed section 54C(7), line 28. Omit “Minister’s”. Insert instead “Panel’s”.

No. 6 **Definitions**

Page 4, Schedule 1[3], proposed section 54C. Insert after line 33—

(10) In this section—

*Australian Code* means the document published by the Australian Government entitled *Australian code for the care and use of animals for scientific purposes* as in force from time to time.

*Category A member*, of a committee, means a member of the committee referred to in the Australian Code, section 2.2.4(i).

No. 7 **Note concerning privately owned companion animals**

Page 4, Schedule 1[3], proposed section 54C. Insert after line 33—

**Note**— An authorised person is not required to rehome a companion animal owned by an individual and primarily kept by the individual for purposes other than animal research.

No. 8 **Keeping of records about applications to keep animals for longer than 3 years**

Page 5, Schedule 1[3], proposed section 54F. Insert after line 20—

(e) a copy of—

- (i) each application made under section 54C(4)(a), and
- (ii) the Panel's approval or refusal of each application.

No. 9 **Reporting requirements for applications to keep animals for longer than 3 years**

Page 6, Schedule 2[1], proposed section 24(5). Insert after line 8—

- (ba) the number of applications made under the Act, section 54C(4)(a),
- (bb) the number of applications made under the Act, section 54C(4)(a) that were approved,
- (bc) the number of applications made under the Act, section 54C(4)(a) that were refused,
- (bd) the length of each animal research project for which an application under the Act, section 54C(4)(a) was approved,