

**Submission
No 17**

**PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS AMENDMENT (VIRTUAL STOCK
FENCING) BILL 2024**

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'Prevention of Cruelty to Amendment (Virtual Stock Fencing) Bill 2024'. Virtual Fencing, will cause a reduction in animal cruelty as the system will also notify the animal owner when the animal is in any stressful situation. The animal wearing the controller is notified if there is abnormal behaviour. If the animal is caught in a fence, stuck in a bog, chased and mauled by wild dogs, shot by a hunter and so for the virtual fence collar on the animal will conduct an alert notification. Many thousands of stock are suspect to such events across Australia every year and will continue to do so. This product will significantly reduce these occurrences. In addition to this, the product is highly unlikely to give the stock an electric shock as they will learn that the alert sound is their guide to location movement, An annoying low level shock is only a last resort and even then it is not at a harm level, merely an encouraging guide. This tool is not a cattle prod! Guy Hirst. B.Sc. B.Ec. G.Dip. Bus.