

NSW Government Response

Inquiry into Animal Welfare Policy in New South Wales – First Report

#	Recommendation	NSW Government response
1	That the Legislative Council not consider the Animal Welfare Bill 2021 until draft regulations have been released and stakeholder feedback has been received and reported on by this committee	Supported While noting that the inquiry recommendation is directed to the Legislative Council, the NSW Government will work towards developing draft regulations for public and stakeholder feedback. This is in accordance with the NSW Government's commitment to consult on all changes to the animal welfare legislative framework.
2	That the NSW Government retain the <i>Animal Research Act 1985</i> as a separate Act.	Supported in principle The NSW Government notes the evidence heard during the inquiry relating to the structure of the Draft Animal Welfare Bill 2022, as it relates to animal research. The NSW Government will consider options to retain the <i>Animal Research Act 1985</i> as a standalone piece of legislation, while ensuring that the NSW animal welfare legislative framework is fit-for-purpose.