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INQUIRY INTO ANIMAL CRUELTY LAWS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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We need an independent body that is solely dedicated to investigating and prosecuting animal cruelty cases. Self regulation to stop animal cruelty continues to not work, self regulation always comes with a conflict of interest and the animals are the ones who suffer because of it. One example of this is the recent greyhound racing cruelty that happened. This was not discovered because the industry did anything to help these animals, it's was because an independent group of people exposed the abuse. We need much better protection laws to stop animal cruelty and allow an independent body to actually be able to investigate and prosecute. We have very poor animal protection laws in Australia and this needs to change. Animal cruelty is ingrained in the farming industry, this needs to change. The codes of conduct allow most of these abuses and this must end. There is actually no set laws protecting these animals from cruelty though and this needs to change asap.