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## **INQUIRY INTO ANIMAL CRUELTY LAWS IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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I am distressed at the many cases of severe cruelty, which attract little or no penalties. Any society which allows cruelty to animals to flourish, with trivial punishment, is not a safe society for any vulnerable citizens, such as children and women. It is a well-known fact that individuals who torture animals are the ones who go on to become abusers, rapists, and serial killers.

Cruel and neglectful treatment of farmed animals is also rife, and deplorably, is all but ignored, and it seems, the larger the scale, the less consequences, as in the horrendous cruelty of live exports.

Cruelty for "entertainment", as in rodeos, horse and greyhound racing, etc, is also to be deplored, individuals who are entertained by animal cruelty are not the calibre of people who are the decent, well-adjusted citizens who make for a progressive, evolved society.

At the very least, we need severe penalties for cruelty, and, importantly, for those penalties to be applied.