

**INQUIRY INTO LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY OF THE
DAIRY INDUSTRY IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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For centuries, it made sense to farm cows to provide sustenance in the form of milk and products made with milk. This is no longer the case. We do not need to be exploiting these sentient beings any longer, in the name of nutrition. We have many alternative options that do not involve putting cows through pain and distress. I'll let a few:

1. Cows denied the right to mother their young Imagine how it feels for these mothers that have their babies taken off them at birth, denied the right of any mother to care for their young. It is a natural instinct and one that is taken from these mothers without a thought. Why, and how, do we continue to do this to these peaceful, family centric animals? Is it ethical? Moral? I will never be convinced that it is either of these things.

2. Wastage of male calves Male calves are mostly seen as 'Wastage'. These innocent creatures that would never hurt anything are sent to slaughter almost immediately. They never get to experience this world. They only ever feel fear, distress and then the pain of death. Don't tell me that stunning them before death removes these issues. This is rhetoric coming from the mouths of people that are more interested in making money than doing the right thing.

3. Huge greenhouse gas emissions and the effect this has on our growing climate crisis Methane generation is an obvious reason to reduce the number of cows grazing in this country.

4. Growing land degradation and habitat destruction to make way for more farm land This is unnecessary for this purpose. This product is not essential.

Please do the right thing and investigate more than just how to make more money out of this industry.

Phasing out this cruel practice is the only ethical result of such an investigation. Dairy farmers are able to re-skill in order to farm alternative products that do not cause needless suffering.

Thank you for taking this submission seriously.

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