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**INQUIRY INTO 2021 INQUIRY INTO THE APPROVED
CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS UNDER THE
PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS ACT 1979**

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Every piece of criminal legislation in this country has a process of transparency and oversight as to how it is enforced – EXCEPT animal cruelty laws. That's just changed. We are running an inquiry into the enforcement of animal protection in NSW, and this is your chance to have a say. Make a submission to the inquiry into the enforcement of animal protection laws here: <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/committees/inquiries/Pages/inquiry-details.aspx?pk=2851#tab-submissions>

In the 2018-2019 financial year, RSPCA NSW received over 16,500 complaints of animal cruelty but initiated only 77 prosecutions. Perhaps that's because the 6% of funding provided by Government doesn't even cover the staff wages.

Meanwhile approx. 50 inspectors are expected to oversee more than 70 million animals in the agribusiness industry, and the many millions of native, wild, and companion animals, as well as animals used for entertainment and medical experimentation.

This inquiry will consider the financial spending of the charities, as well as how they uphold the current animal cruelty legislation.

The inquiry will finally bring some transparency to the enforcement of animal cruelty laws in NSW, and allow us to identify any failures with the current legislation that stops proper enforcement of animal cruelty legislation.