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**INQUIRY INTO ANIMAL WELFARE POLICY IN NEW  
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Animal protection laws are failing. There are issues permeating animal cruelty laws, the way animals are used and exploited, the standard practices allowable in animal agriculture and the continuation of the oppression of animals purely for profit. Animals are sentient and this must be reflected in any laws pertaining to animals. Animals feel pain, they suffer, they have emotions, they want freedom and they are at the mercy of cruel and violent people who use them for their own means. This does not belong in an evolved society.

Hunting and shooting must be banned as this serves only to glorify killers who find this 'entertaining'.

The lies associated with the ongoing and destructive commercialised kangaroo slaughter must be exposed and the industry forced to become transparent.

Kangaroos and Dingos (hidden under the name of 'wild dogs') labelled as 'pests' needs removal.

Greyhound and horse racing, must be disbanded as this kills animals, causes immense pain and suffering in addition to 'wastage' of life as well as destroying society through gambling and addiction.

Puppy farming must be outlawed as there are thousands of animals already available for people to have as companion pets. These industrial farms are nothing more than cruel animal trafficking.

Animal experimentation, organ harvesting, vivisection and xenotransplantation are no longer necessary when there are so many alternatives that actually advance human health.

Tethering to incarcerate animals and take away their freedom to move and live in a natural way as possible is inhumane and shows a total lack of respect to animals which also includes marine life who may be different to humans but nevertheless similar in the way they suffer and thus deserve at least the basic rights attributed to humans. Such as food, water, movement, shade and shelter for the extremes of weather and if these basics cannot be provided, then humans should not be able to keep animals.

The standard practices allowable by agribusiness are not humane, painless and respectful. All mutilations that involve pain must be accompanied by ongoing pain relief. Mulesing must be phased out as the extra wrinkles to produce extra wool is also bred out. As it was genetically created in the first place, it can now be genetically phased out. In the meantime, pain relief must be administered as well as a return to more humane practices of crutching and cleaning the back end of sheep to prevent fly strike.

'Disbudding' which equates to gauging, cutting and burning in addition to branding, ear tagging and any other painful procedure must be done under anaesthesia or not done at all. The animals must have space to be able to engage in their natural behaviours without damaging each other. Ducks need water to swim in. Hens and chickens need dust and sunlight to bathe in and all Industrial factory farms must be phased out as soon as possible.

Pigs must be taken out of the faeces filled dark sheds that are devoid of sunlight and space and sows must have space to build their own nests when caring for their babies.

Alternatives to the flesh of animals must be mandated to effect appropriate change to benefit the animals, protect the planet and to reduce the disintegration of human health.

Alternatives to dairy milk must be subsidised and subsidies removed from dairy to help farmers transition to a more humane food production.

Fish farms need to be closed down as they are toxic, cruel and are helping to deplete the ocean of wild fish and a balanced eco system.

The propaganda and the lies spun by animal agriculture related businesses who fund deceitful marketing must be held to account.

Transparency is paramount and needs to be at the forefront of all new laws and legislation. Hefty fines must be dealt out to corporations and individuals who engage in any form of animal cruelty and the current animal agricultural gag laws must be removed.