

**Submission  
No 63**

**INQUIRY INTO ANIMAL WELFARE POLICY IN NEW  
SOUTH WALES**

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Dear Sir's/Madam's,

New South Wales animal welfare laws are in serious need of an overhaul. The laws are out of date and as a result farm and companion animals throughout the state are not getting the protection they deserve.

The Perottet Government has proposed a new animal welfare bill to the NSW parliament. It has some positives but overall, but it falls well short of community expectations and, if passed in its current form, will fail our state's animals.

Among many other things, animals in NSW need laws that will acknowledge their sentience and intrinsic value, as well as prohibit cruel practices such as mulesing and hot iron branding. The new laws should also establish independent and well-funded compliance bodies that ensure the animal welfare standards of NSW are enforced without conflict and for the benefit of animals.

Sincerely,  
Amanda Evans.