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

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Thank you for accepting my submission

Animal protection laws in Australia are abysmal. By world standards we lag behind considerably. As there are so many issues to be addressed I will simply make a list of issues that have become apparent to me in recent years.

Live Export - Australian disgrace

Questionable animal agriculture practices - mulesing, tail docking, removal of teeth

Puppy Farming

Horse racing

Greyhound racing

Rodeos, circuses, animals used in entertainment

Battery Hens

Disposal of male chicks by maceration

Duck farming with no access to water

Rabbit farming

Sow stalls

Dairy cows having their young stolen numerous times over their lifetime

Disposal of male calves

No mandatory shade for farmed animals - temperatures well over 40 degrees

No mandatory shelter in cold weather - thousands of new born lambs perishing.

Animal experimentation

Shooting/hunting/killing of wildlife both native and introduced

1080 poison - banned in most other countries

Penalties for animal cruelty need to be strong and enforced

Shark nets killing marine life/sharks need protection

All Slaughterhouses need CCTV

Euthanasia of healthy companion animals

Duck shooting by rice growers

Kangaroo mass slaughter and bashing joeys to death

This is by no means an exhaustive list.

Add to this that Australia has been ranked LAST out of 50 meat producing countries on animal welfare.

Add to this that countries like the UK who have stronger animal welfare laws do not want a free trade agreement with Australia as they do not want to import cruelty.

Overseas business refusing to take our kangaroo products - more ethical countries don't want to be part of the largest unregulated, unmonitored land based slaughter in the world.

Australia also has the worst rate of animal extinction in the world. All this is absolutely shameful and we need stronger animal protection laws urgently.