

**Submission
No 168**

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

Name: Ms Karen O'Clery

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Dear Committee,

Most importantly, it must be legislatively recognised that all animals are sentient beings and therefore to be treated with compassion and respect.

Secondly, it should be an offence to classify a native animal as a 'pest' or a 'feral' or any other derogatory term that gives the human 'namer' self-approval to maim, kill or be cruel in any other way to native animals.