INQUIRY INTO ANIMAL WELFARE POLICY IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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SUBMISSION RE DRAFT ANIMAL WELFARE BILL 2022

- 1. I strongly disagree with the live export of animals for the following reasons:
- Ship holds have proved to be inadequate and cruel for the transport of live beasts, for reasons of inadequate ventilation, lack of sufficient water and food, and lack of veterinary care. Furthermore, the treatment at the destination is usually unknown. 'Halal' slaughter can take place in Australia under supervised humane conditions, and the frozen meat therefrom, exported.
- 2. The use of the poison 1080 in the bush, to control feral animals, is known to cause a cruel death, and further has adverse impacts upon native birds, mammals and reptiles. This product should be banned for any use in Australia.
- 3. The shooting of brumbies in national Parks, is cruel, and there is no proof of a clean death. They should be rounded up and dealt with humanely.
- 4. At Part 3, Division 1, para 16 (10). I submit that period of 24 hours between the provision of water, is too great for any animal, and I suggest half of that period of time.
- 5. At Part 3, Division 3, para 22 (b). I submit that restricting the prohibition to three species is wrong. Instead, it should relate to 'any animal'.
- 6. At Part 4, Division 2, para 32 (2a). I submit that this clause on rodeo animals be removed and, and no such exemption be granted. All animals subjected so-called rodeos are forced to endure pain and suffering from:
- flank ropes, cattle prods, lassos, spurs, and dust.
- 7. At Part 8, Division 1, paras 108 113. I submit that all maximum penalties are insufficient, and that the maximum term of imprisonment should be life. With respect to para 114. I submit that the common law limit of six (6) years be applied. In considering this submission, it must be appreciated that, much time and effort may have been required by Police and/or animal welfare organisation, and/or concerned individuals, to secure conviction.

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