

Submission
No 225

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

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1. I'm concerned that the poisoning provisions only relate to domestic animals – this could impact the treatment of 'feral' cats (and other non-domestic animals) who should also be free from suffering.

2. This clause also fails to deal with reckless use of poisons – clause 30(1)(b) states that “a person must not ‘leave....’ a poison” with the intention of injuring or killing a domestic animal. Adding “with the intention of injuring or killing” does not account for an instance where a person has laid poison to kill a non-domestic animal but has been reckless about its placement which leads to the death of domestic animals. This allows an individual to argue that they did not intend to kill a domestic animal, even though the death of a domestic animal was brought about by the reckless use of poison.