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

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While there are many positive aspects to the proposed Bill, it falls short of community expectations in a number of areas:

Animals in NSW need laws that will:

Recognise animal sentience and the intrinsic value of animals

Stop carving out exemptions for farm animals which allow continuation of cruel practices such as:

mulesing of lambs

hot iron branding of cattle

carrying out painful procedures without mandatory pain relief

intensive confinement (such as battery cages and sow stalls)

Establish well-funded and independent compliance and enforcement regimes, free from conflicts of interest through an independent NSW Animal Welfare Authority