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

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NSW needs comprehensive animal welfare laws that acknowledge the sentience of animals and protect them from cruel and outdated practices.

The Animal Welfare Bill falls short of what we need.

We need a Bill 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).