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INQUIRY INTO ANIMAL WELFARE POLICY IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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Among many other things, animals in NSW need laws that will acknowledge their sentience and intrinsic value, as well as prohibit cruel practices such as mulesing and hot iron branding. The new laws should also establish independent and well-funded compliance bodies that ensure the animal welfare standards of NSW are enforced without conflict and for the benefit of animals.