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

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The proposed Animal Welfare Bill 2022 needs to protect animals in NSW with laws that:

- \* 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.

I support the positives in the bill including

- \*Minimum care requirements for animals, including opportunities to express normal behaviours
- \*The expansion of the definition of animals to include cephalopods and decapods (e.g. octopus, squid, lobsters and crabs)
- \*The inclusion of psychological suffering in the definition of harm to animals.

This legislation will impact the welfare of millions of animals across the whole state and represents a rare opportunity to create change, helping to bring an end to unnecessary suffering and improve their lives.

Please consider my submission, as we need to protect all sentient beings to a greater extent.

Kindly,