

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

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I welcome the correction of definition of animals to include highly sentient creatures such as lobsters, crabs, squid and octopus- all of whom have been shown to feel pain and suffering when stressed and hurt.

I would like to add further laws against cruelty suffered by farm animals such as sheep: mulesing, cattle: hot iron branding, chickens: battery cages and crushing of unwanted chicks, sow stalls, gassing of pigs and killing within sight of other animals.

This needs to be policed by an organisation with the power to check on business and extract strong penalties.