

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

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Animals in NSW need laws that recognise animal sentience. Farm animals should not be exempt from these laws.

We need an independent governing body that does not have conflicts of interest which is the case of the the current governing body.

I support some of the bill specifically:

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