

Submission
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**INQUIRY INTO USE OF PRIMATES AND OTHER ANIMALS
IN MEDICAL RESEARCH IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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Dear committee,

I am against the use of animals for medical experiments when there are other alternatives.

Are taxpayers aware that they are paying for animals to suffer during testing?

Are we really getting a benefit for letting animals suffer for years whilst we torture them?

With regards to the terms of reference

(a) the nature, purpose and effectiveness of medical research being conducted on animals in New South Wales, and the potential public health risks and benefits posed by this research;

How can the experiments produce accurate results when they are just a test on an animal in a stressed condition in an unnatural environment? How can these be applied to a human in a reliable format?

(b) the costs associated with animal research, and the extent to which the New South Wales and Federal Government is commissioning and funding the importing, breeding and use of animals in medical research in New South Wales;

Does the public know they are funding animal experiment research – why is this not made public, many friends I speak to have now awareness of this happening as it is kept secretive.

If you did a survey how many people would agree to supporting this.

(c) the availability, effectiveness and funding for alternative approaches to animal research methods and technologies, and the ability of researchers to meet the 3 R's of Replacement, Reduction and Refinement;

There are plenty of cruelty free options available. There are clinical trials with humans and with modern technology IV testing is an advanced option.

Now would be the time to move on from old practices and start listening to what the public want.

(d) the ethical and animal welfare issues surrounding the importing, breeding and use of animals in medical research;

We keep millions of animals locked up without any of their basic needs met and then inflict unimaginable pain on them and then they are killed.

How can this be acceptable, we treat living sentient beings like rubbish.

(e) the adequacy of the current regulatory regime regarding the use of animals in medical research, particularly in relation to transparency and accountability;

Self regulation does not work – just look at live export, puppy farming – really this just means that under the veil of science animals suffer regulated cruelty

(f) overseas developments regarding the regulation and use of animals in medical research

Australia needs to step up and keep up with developed countries and stop animal testing. I don't want my tax going towards animal experiments, I don't want to see animals suffering – nor to the majority of NSW taxpayers.

Why do we humans think we have the right to inflict this barbaric process on animals

Thank you for taking the time as compassionate people to consider how you can change the future of animal experiments.

Kind regards

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