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

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I find it disgusting and horrendous that we are unnecessarily torturing to death primates and other domesticated animals. There is proven scientific evidence that alternative options are available and more effective, such as sophisticated tests using human cells and tissues (also known as in vitro methods), advanced computer-modelling techniques (often referred to as in silico models), and studies with human volunteers

When possible, they try to perform these toxicology tests using biochemical or cell-based (in vitro) systems instead of with animals such as mice. For example, researchers successfully created in vitro methods to identify severe eye irritants and substances that could cause allergic contact dermatitis.

Moreover, I am deeply concerned that this industry is, and has always been shrouded in secrecy, the lack transparency and accountability **and that is funded by tax payers!**

I am particularly offended by using my tax dollars to fund this barbaric, abhorrent and antiquated medieval type experiments.

Furthermore, why aren't animals release into sanctuaries or rehomed after experimentation? Especially cats and dogs – they should not be 'euthanised' when they could be adopted out.

I wonder if MP's would be comfortable in having their family dog or cat subjected to these experiments?

Cruel experiments such as near-drowning and forced smoking on these animals is atrocious.

As a citizen and tax-payer I would like an comprehensive enquiry into use of Primates and other animals in medical "research"

Thank you

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