

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

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Submission to the NSW Parliamentary Inquiry Into The Use Of Animals In Experimentation.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I was shocked when I read the media report about the three baboons that broke free during their transport to the Animal Laboratories at the Royal Prince Albert Hospital in Sydney on 20 February 2020.

It is my understanding that these three baboons were from the Walacia National Health and Research Council which is located in Western Sydney. The baboons were used to breed more baboons on which experiments and tests were carried out on.

I was shocked firstly because I thought this inhumane practice of experiments on animals only happened in other Countries.

And secondly I was shocked to learn that my taxes are used to pay for these laboratories and the barbaric experiments that are carried out in what I consider sounds like a Chamber of Horrors.

I find the practice of carrying cruel and inhumane experiments out on animals for any sort of research abhorrent.

I have followed the work of Professor Noel Fitzpatrick for many years. You may have heard of him. He is an Irish Vet who is located in the United Kingdom. He is a world leader in "bionic limbs" for animals.

He is also an advocate to stop the use of animals in experiments. He has stated there are many non-animal alternatives, such as cell culture experiments and computer models. He has even enrolled himself as an experimental model in Ohio USA for spinal research.

I have researched other alternatives to the use of animals and these are as follows:-

In Vitro Methods

In vitro methods are sophisticated tests that use human cells and tissues. I have read that Researchers have created organs on chips. These chips contain human cells and they mimic the structure and function of human organs and organ systems.

Advanced Computer Modelling

As is common today, the use of computer modelling is used in many industries, and it can also be used for medical and other studies. I understand this technic is known as a silico model.

Human Volunteers

As I have already mentioned the eminent Professor Fitzpatrick himself is a human volunteer for spinal research

Human Dimensional Models

There is an Organisation that has developed a state of the art dimensional model of the deepest part of a human lung. The model is composed of human cells and can be used for various studies and the effects of chemicals on the lungs etc.

Human Patient Simulators

Just like the human torso “dummies” that are in use today in CPR classes, Human Patient Simulators have been developed and all sorts of tests and experiments can be carried out on these simulators.

These are just a few of the alternatives that could be used for medical and other research rather than the horrific and inhumane use of animals in experiments, many of which I have read fail and are a complete waste of time.

Another aspect of the use of animals for experiments is the secrecy surround the experiments. Why is this?

I think the answer is the Organisations do not want the Public, whose taxes fund their operations and experiments to know the torture and pain these animals are put through for research purposes.

And why, when the occasional Beagle Dog is released from a Laboratory Testing Facility to a loving home, it's background is not revealed to the new owner.

Any tests the Dog has been subjected to should be revealed to the new owner so that they can manage medical and or behavioural problems caused to the Dog by the experiments.

I feel very strongly about this subject and I implore the Government to prohibit the use of animals in medical or any other form of testing or experiments.

Thank you for taking the time to read my submission.

Yours faithfully,