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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 members as a member of the public I have grave concerns in terms of ethics and use of primates and other animals in research.

My primary concerns are as follows.

* As a mother and grandmother what I have observed over the past 35 years is a substantial rise in obesity, cancer, childhood developmental disorders (autism), and autoimmune diseases which were not seen on this scale previously. Notwithstanding all the medical advances over the last 35 years, the health of our younger generations is on the decline. There are many reasons that this may be so ie, the food system is broken with fast foods and food like substances continuously marketed to youngsters. People may be living with their illnesses, with inadequate attention to prevention and reversing these illnesses.

In spite of claims that primates and other animals in research is necessary, unlike humans who develop diseases either spontaneously or as a matter of lifestyle, in animals these diseases are either bred into or induced into the animals usually via unacceptable cruel methods. This leaves little to no insight as to the nature of developing these conditions. Cause and effect, eliminate the cause and the effect takes care of itself being a long understood wisdom.

There is a rise in both type 1 and type 2 diabetes. More than 120,000 Australians have developed diabetes during the past year at a total cost to our health system of 14.6 billion dollars. Often there are short quick visits to the GP for a script with barely any intervention of lifestyle.

Animal models do not address the ecological issues facing ourselves or our children. Beyond medical treatments we need public health policies to address these endemic illnesses

Animals are kept in abnormal conditions which is totally unacceptable both in terms of cruelty and accuracy in outcomes..

Animal research is a dismal failure