

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

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Dear Sir/Madam

My name is Rachel Sussman and I am writing this submission with regard to medical research and experimentation on animals.

We all want cures and remedies for our ailments. This is understandable. Nevertheless, like with everything else in life, the journey and methods we employ to have what we want is vital. Achieving anything in unethical manner, by abusing or using inappropriately another, by causing pain and/or suffering - is simply criminal behaviour that can never be justified.

And so is the case even with something as important to us as medical research.

Attempting to find cure for our ailment by imprisoning another - in this case an animal - by conducting unimaginable experiments, and by causing unimaginable mental, emotional and/or physical suffering is simply a selfish and criminal human behaviour.

One wonders when or how humans grew so arrogant to believe that they are entitled to inflict such cruel suffering on any animal for the benefit of their well being.

In Sydney we have recently experienced the voiceless - three baboons - making themselves known and finding a voice as they attempted to escape the atrocities inflicted on them. While they were forcibly returned to their misery, they were seen and heard and I for one will not let them down.

While like everyone else I want to be healed from whatever illness may attack my body in the future, I simply do not want my cure to come at the cost of the suffering of another even if it means losing my life!

It is time for us humans to finally join voices and say - No More! We support research but let us do it in new ways, even if it takes longer. Let us be respectful to all life not just our own. Let us care for all life, not just our own.

It is time to say a firm NO to research using any animals, it is time to set them free and be true to our own humanity.

I trust that you as our elected Government will do what is right, kind and respectful and finally say - ENOUGH IS ENOUGH, NO MORE!

Sincerely

Rachel Sussman