

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

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For far too long experiments on animals have been conducted beyond closed doors using tax payers money. It is time to come clean, time for reform!

- There is an appalling lack of transparency and accountability in this industry which is funded by tax payers without their awareness of what goes on beyond closed doors. I certainly do not approve of my hard earned money to be used in any way which allows cruel animal experiments.
- Not only is experimentation cruel but also the poor animals are not given the chance to be re-homed and find some comfort, love and care following experimentation. This is not acceptable! While experimentation on animals should be a thing of the past, a good place to start is by putting 'time limits' on currently used animals and either re-homing them or releasing them to sanctuaries rather than add to the cruelty by discarding them and 'euthanising' .
- While all experimentation on animals is cruel some of the experiments such as near-drowning and forced smoking, and experiments on primates are really unimaginable human cruelty and disregard to other living being who have equal rights to be free and live their lives as meant.
- Animal experimentation is not necessary nor productive. There is a range of humane and evidence-based technological alternatives and it is time for Governments to fund such alternatives as well as fund researching alternatives.

Animals are sentient beings, it is nothing but human arrogance to believe that human life is 'more precious' or holds 'more rights'. It is human arrogance to inflict suffering on innocent beings who cannot fight or speak for themselves.

It is time to change and stop the cruelty! As my Government I put this responsibility in your hands. Use it or lose it!