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

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Numerous studies have shown that testing on rats and other animals do not assist with assessing the impacts on humans. This Inquiry should be speaking to various organisations to determine the effectiveness of animal testing and looking overseas for studies.

Does this government (Minister for Agriculture) know the number, range and extent of animal testing that occurs in NSW?

All animal test facilities such as universities, hospitals, private business, etc should

- require registration to undertake testing with heavy fines for those without the proper authorisation
- develop ethical committees with specialist knowledge on animal welfare and mandatory reporting
- report publicly the number of test animals
- report publicly the types of animals tested on
- report publicly the source of those animals
- report publicly what happens to the animals after testing
- enable whistle-blower protections for those workers who speak out and fines for bodies shown to withhold information or lie about numbers
- government to develop standards, data definitions, frequency and requirements for all parties to disclose information on animal testing
- make animals available for adoption after testing
- limit the number of years that the same animal can be tested on

The government should be investing heavily into computer simulations to minimise the need for animal testing.

We should be banning products that have been excessively and/or unnecessarily tested on animals and include limitations on importation and sale of those products. Clearly there are products in the world that are not tested on animals and these are the products that should be promoted, supported and developed locally.

All government purchasing bodies should be encouraged to support these products. This should include but not limited to hospitals, medical research, administrative bodies, agricultural products, beauty, consumer products, etc, etc.