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

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I am a medical doctor who believes that animal research constitutes scientific fraud. It is an antiquated methodology that might have been somewhat useful in the distant past, but which in 2022 has the same relationship to real science that astrology has to astronomy or phrenology has to legitimate medical inspection and/or palpation. The value attributed to it is almost always exaggerated to the extent that exaggerations become overt lies. It has no real predictive value....required for a truly scientific methodology. It is archaic and almost always (often dangerously) misleading. "Breakthroughs" attributed to animal research are almost always derived from other approaches, with the subsequently performed animal research simply demonstrating what has been gleaned from these approaches and what is, therefore, already known. It continues for nonscientific reasons, and it is horrendously cruel and inhumane. I agree that there are no "alternatives"; there are IMPROVEMENTS, and these improvements should replace animal research and be further developed. Investment in these improvements will result in true improvements in human health, and yield information leading to cures, for such vexing condition such as Alzheimer's Disease and Parkinson's Disease, two of many diseases to which animal research has contributed nothing and which continue to result in unimaginable human suffering. Sufferers from these, and many other diseases, can thank animal research of the lack of any significant progress. Animal research is the alchemy of the 21st century, should be consigned to the dustheap of history, and should be phased out....replaced by true scientific methods. In the future we'll look back at animal research with disbelief that many scientific experts believed in it and supported it, akin to the way we now regard eugenics.