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

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Dear team,

I know that sometimes testing on animals can not be avoided. Especially if it is about brand new, life saving medicines. But there is a lack of transparency and accountability in this industry and it is funded by tax payers. If my tax money is used finance tests on animals, I expect full transparency and openness to scrutiny. Necessary experiments must be designed in a way that minimise harm on the animals involved and need to be conducted as humane as possible.

Once animals are retired, I expect that best attempts will be made to adopt them out so that they can live the rest of their lives in a safe and secure environment where they are loved - especially cats and dogs. I am sure that there would be a market for those animals - I would be more than willing to give a dog a good home after he/she retired.

Some experiments are unnecessarily cruel - such as near-drowning and some are totally obsolete - we know since a long time that smoking is harmful to health - no more experiments should be allowed there anymore. Same with cosmetics and recreational drugs. People who want to use those products should have to do that at their own peril.

As stated above, animal experiments need to be restricted to testing life saving meds only. Nothing else. Even those experiments should be phased out and replaced with tests on lab grown tissue or other available evidence based alternatives.

I call on the government to spend more money into research for more alternative to experimentation on animals.