

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

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To whom it may concern:

I am highly concerned about the use of taxpayer money in animal experimentation in this state, including those on primates, as there is little transparency for the general public about what these experiments entail or who they benefit. In fact, until a few years ago when two baboons escaped from a research facility in Sydney I was unaware that such government-funded research was taking place. It was an unpleasant surprise to be sure, and I was humbled by my own ignorance.

That my own taxes should be put towards something I ethically object to on the strongest of terms, with very little information available to me about it, is a failure on the government's part to provide a level of transparency entailed by the kind of democracy it believes itself to be. This lack of transparency is also, and more importantly, a serious failure to address the most basic rights of individuals who have no democratic right to express their own disapproval of their treatment, which has been described as 'secretive' by Humane Research Australia, and no doubt involve unimaginable suffering. Any civilised and developed nation should be moving as quickly as possible away from animal experimentation and investing its tax funds into developing viable alternatives.

I ask you to consider deeply the ethical implications of treating non-human lives as disposable. Can such experiments really be considered to 'save lives' if they destroy others in the process? I would argue not, and urge you not to allow these activities to continue unchecked, if at all.

Kind regards,