

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

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Dear Sir/Madam,

My submission is presented as an individual and is based on my thoughts and concerns surrounding ALL animal research.

As an Australian, I feel that we are sadly lacking behind other, much more progressive countries with regard to animal experimentation, and who are focusing more on non-animal testing methodologies.

To name a few, these include but would not be limited to, in vitro methods, advanced computer-modelling techniques (often referred to as in silico models), and studies with human volunteers.

The Australian and State Governments need to move away from ALL animal experimentation and create more funding for the above methodologies.

I find it incomprehensible that we are still subjecting animals to painful experiments, often unnecessary, and often with inconclusive results. In addition to the experiments, there is concern around these animals' living conditions and treatment on a daily basis.

We are meant to be technologically advanced and presumably intelligent, yet animal experimentation is outdated and belongs in the past.

Numbers, TRUE numbers, need to be presented to the public about the number of experiments which are performed every year and the TRUE results of EVERY experiment.

I know that many would be surprised at the futility of such experiments.

With regard to this particular submission, I ask for:

- The need for greater transparency in animal research and evaluation of its outcomes
- The need for funding for the validation of non-animal research methods
- Prohibition of the forced swim test and forced inhalation research.

I thank you for your time and sincerely hope that my concerns are taken seriously.

Yours faithfully,