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

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The use of animals in experimentation is declining worldwide, and for good reason. This is a highly secretive industry, as public outcry over the horrific treatment of animals would be huge if the truth was made public.

The reality is that animal testing is costly, time-consuming and not very effective. Here in Australia, we use millions of animals for teaching and experimentation every year. This does not need to happen. The growing number of humane alternatives that are becoming available means that we need to move along with the times and end this torment, suffering and death being needlessly inflicted.

There is no meaningful regulation of this industry, resulting in a massive failure to prevent suffering and cruelty to these animals. There is no independent assessment, little transparency, and very little accountability within the industry.

Our Federal Government maintains no national data on the use of animals in medical experiments. Even at state and territory levels, reporting on animal experimentation is extremely inconsistent, with some states and territories not collecting data at all. This makes it incredibly difficult for anyone to know the truth about what is really going on behind closed doors. Surely this can not be acceptable. We can, and must do better.

It is 2022. We live in a year, and society, where there are a range of alternatives to this outdated, cruel and unnecessary industry. Alternatives exist which do not inflict pain, cruelty and suffering. We can, and must replace this industry with humane and non-animal methods.

Thankyou for your consideration.