

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO VETERINARY WORKFORCE SHORTAGE IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Organisation: Vets for Pets

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I am writing to bring your attention to a pressing issue that requires immediate attention: the shortage of veterinarians in New South Wales. As a concerned citizen and animal lover, I am deeply troubled by the impact this shortage is having on the welfare of animals and the provision of essential veterinary services.

The shortage of veterinarians in New South Wales has reached an alarming level, with numerous communities across the state experiencing limited access to quality veterinary care. This situation poses significant risks to both domestic animals and wildlife, as well as public health concerns in case of disease outbreaks. The shortage has far-reaching consequences, impacting not only pet owners but also farmers, animal shelters, and various industries dependent on animal health.

The reasons for this shortage are multifaceted. Firstly, the inadequate number of veterinary schools and limited capacity for student intake contribute to the scarcity of trained professionals. As a result, many areas are left with limited or no access to veterinary services, causing undue suffering to animals and placing additional burden on already overburdened veterinary clinics.

here are many times when we failed to help animals due to shortage of staff. our clinic database includes more than 12000 active clients; however we got only 1 veterinary to help those client.

Our Vet is burning out on daily basis due to the number of procedures, surgeries, consults ..etc. that he performs on daily basis.

we are suffering every day, we are facing lots of client rage, aggression because we can't help every animal comes to our doors due to shortage of vets.

I can see my nurse's burst in tears as they face all this stress on daily basis.

I kindly request your urgent attention and action in this matter. I would be grateful for the opportunity to discuss this issue further and provide any additional information or support that may be required. Together, we can make a significant difference and create a brighter future for animals and the people of New South Wales.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and commitment to serving the interests of our community.

Yours sincerely,

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