

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

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To the Committee,

Humanity has finally realise the close connection between ourselves and animals. We have grown to care for and treat animals as part of our families. When a loved one becomes ill or needs urgent medical attention we have subsidised health treatment available but not so for our animal companions. This can result in the animal b eing surrendered to an animal care facility and or prematurely put down. This can and most often leads to extreme distress to the carers and veterinary doctors. A affordable animal health insurance would alleviate much of the unnecessary deaths and surrender of these unfortunate animals.