

To the Australian House of Representatives and the Senate,

RE: Inquiry: the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Prohibition of Live Imports of Primates for Research) Bill 2015

I agree with Senator Lee Rhiannon in that "It is negligent of Australia not to have closed and locked the gate to the importation of primates caught in the wild for research, particularly now Australian breeding facilities already supply enough primates for this purpose," "While no primates have been imported to Australia for research since 2009 a ban in law is needed so the trade cannot start up again.

I petition the Australian Government to impose an immediate ban on the importation of primates for research.

Despite the existence of three primate breeding facilities in Australia (objectionable in itself), primates are still being imported for research purposes. Overseas organizations have uncovered horrific accounts of many animals being wild caught, and even those purpose-bred for research suffer the distress of long air journeys around the world.

I therefore request the House to impose an immediate ban on the importation of primates to Australia for research purposes.