

SUBMISSION TO THE SENATE INQUIRY

Regional Affairs and Transport committee

National Animal Welfare Bill

ANIMAL WELFARE BILL, 2003

PRIVATE MEMBERS BILL

**“A Bill for an Act to Promote Humane, Responsible
and Accountable care, Protection and use of**

ALL Animals.”

FROM PALE ANIMAL WELFARE BODY

RE LOBSTERS AND SEA ANIMALS

(PALE) are actively involved in all Animal Welfare issues which is not widely known. We are currently working with AWAC to put a stop to animals being carved in half while alive and served up at restaurants.

Whilst we are working with the Queensland Government body in Animal Welfare Advisory Committee Queensland we encourage this to be documented nationally. Australia welcomes its many overseas tourists and acknowledges tourism as an important resource. However it is unnecessary to see such animals as lobsters, crabs and many others carried out on a tray and cut in half whilst alive and placed on the table while legs are still kicking. This is cruel.

(PALE) do not believe Government funding should necessarily to be paid for all changes necessary for animal welfare. This is clearly a community responsibility to be shared with the Government. We are happy to work to change this Act Nationally giving RSPCA powers to stop these barbaric acts.

We would encourage Senators and Minister to look at this as a National approach. We are working on this issue in Queensland and would be happy to be of assistance to include this Nationally offering our services at no cost of funding to the Government.

Our group feels strongly that there are many Acts and changes that can be made without the continual need to apply to Government funding. Any people involved in Animal Welfare work should be prepared to work free of charge to assist the Government in such cases.

There are however times when the Animal Welfare Bodies need assistants of those State and Federal to obtain information from their staff.

We would request that this information was made available to us in order to work together with the Government to make these changes.

Perhaps it could be suggested to this inquiry for Animal Welfare that we could set up a mutual Animal Welfare body office where by such willing participants work free charge with the Government and assist them may be able to obtain information and the assistance they need.

We strongly encourage this committee to support Nationally our submission to stop the treatment of animals being chopped alive and served in Restaurants in Australia. This is not an Australian culture.

This practice apart from being cruel is unnecessary and very upsetting to patrons and the other people sitting in these restaurants that are unaware of this largely overseas and often Japanese culture.

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