

Submission for Animal Welfare Bill

1. *Animals as sentient beings.* Animals should be recognized by the law as sentient beings capable of suffering and not as property.
2. *Petshops.* Pet shops should be banned as most animals are bought on a whim and end up in pounds where they are destroyed. This is an outdated and irresponsible trade that causes a huge amount of unnecessary suffering to domestic animals.
3. *The live export trade.* Live exports should be banned as agreed by the majority of Australians.
4. *Inspections.* Inspections of all animal facilities need to be more frequent and random.
5. *Battery cages and sow stalls.* Battery cages and sow stalls should be banned as agreed by the majority of Australians.