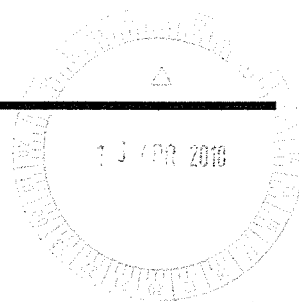


## Legislation Committee

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**From:** Bree Griffiths  
**Sent:** Sunday, 15 April 2018 8:39 PM  
**To:** Legislation Committee  
**Subject:** Re:Animal Welfare Amendment Bill 2017

I am writing to you about the Animal Welfare Amendment Bill 2017 that has been tabled in the upper house.

As a member of the upper house with the ability to ensure that this important Bill is successful, I sincerely hope that you will support this Bill. This Bill has the potential to improve the lives of millions of WA animals and the community expects that animals are provided with basic protections.

This Bill will allow the adoption of National Standards and Guidelines into WA legislation. Since WA is the only state to not have adopted the Land Transport Standard and Guidelines whereas other States have legislated the Standards since 2012, why does the WA farming industry and Transport bodies think they don't need to be accountable?

In the last few years Sheep, Cattle and Saleyard Standards and Guidelines have also been written, and accepted by all relevant bodies but again WA has not adopted these into legislation. Is the WA industry happy having non-enforceable Codes of Practice in place as they know that it is harder to prosecute for cruelty with a voluntary Code rather than Standards and Guidelines. The Amendment Bill will ensure that WA finally adopts into legislation the Land Transport Standards and Guidelines and other sets of Standards and Guidelines for Cattle, Sheep, Saleyards.

The Amendment Bill also addresses the inadequate regulatory framework we have currently. The Bill creates a new class of inspectors who have more powers to ensure that the Industry is complying with the minimum requirements of the Act and Regulations. The proposed Bill will give inspectors more ability to check compliance with the Act and reassure the public that animal business operations are being monitored routinely. The public needs to have a level of trust that animal business operations have a level of independent oversight that prevents cruelty from occurring unchecked.

I trust you will vote for the Animal Welfare Amendment Bill 2017 so that public expectations for the treatment of animals are met.

Please accept this as my electronic signature

Donna Bree Griffiths