

Legislation Committee

From:
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To: Legislation Committee
Cc:
Subject: animal welfare
Importance: High

Good Morning to you,

I first read about this committee and the legislation for the Animal Welfare Amendment Bill 2017, when I was glancing through the morning paper.

I then read through a website headed "Division 3- Cruelty and other inhumane and improper treatment of animals".

"19. Cruelty to animals

(1) A person must not be cruel to an animal.

Penalty: Minimum - \$2000.00

Maximum - \$50,000 and imprisonment for 5 years."

To say I was horrified at such a lenient sentence would be an enormous understatement.

I am like many others in this society – I am sick of hearing about:

- Swans with arrows through their chests;
- Idiots giving beer to quokkas and watching them drunkenly weaving around;
- Disgusting, drunken young men kicking a quokka across a veranda/outdoor space for fun!!;
- Hoons who think it is funny to drive after and chase Emus in their car;
- An evil man who thought it funny to skin alive a defenceless cat and broadcast it on his social network page;
- A Pelican with an arrow through its chest;
- A puppy ON A LEAD being kicked across a shopping carpark.

These animal abusers should NOT be getting a minimum fine of only \$2000.00. For these horrendous crimes, these perpetrators should be getting a **MINIMUM of \$10,000 fine PLUS a minimum of 2 years in prison!!!**

It is a well-known psychological fact that these types of behaviour lead to other crimes against children and others in future years.

This behaviour has GOT to STOP!!! And it looks like the only way this will happen is if these sick people are made aware of the punishment/s before they do the crime!!

I am now asking YOU to please forward this email to ANYONE who might be able to influence the punishment/s, the outcome or the writing of this Act.

Yours faithfully,

Gail Wright