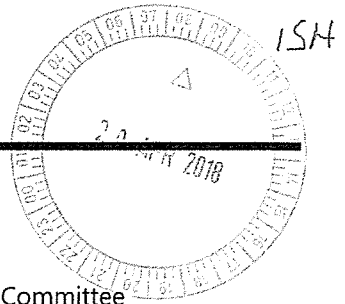


Legislation Committee



From:
Sent: Thursday, 19 April 2018 9:18 PM
To: Legislation Committee
Subject: WA Animal Welfare Amendment Bill 2017- Submission to Committee

Dear Committee,

Re: Animal Welfare Amendment Bill 2017

I am writing to you with the expectation that, like the majority of West Australians, you believe that animals must be given basic legislative protection, whether they are used for food, clothing or exported overseas. We have very weak animal welfare registration in this State that the current Animal Welfare Amendment Bill 2017 tabled in the upper house seeks to improve. The Bill will ensure that WA adopts into legislation national regulatory frameworks and also address the holes in assuring compliance that exists in the current Act.

Please support this Bill as it is very important that WA adopts the Land Transport Standards and Guidelines to regulate the WA Industry where animals are trucked across enormous distances, and where currently only voluntary Codes of Practice are followed.

WA is also yet to adopt the Sheep, Cattle and Saleyard Standards and Guidelines that have been endorsed by the WA industry. The national Livestock Standards and Guidelines have been driven by consumer concern for stronger protections for animals and it is in the interest of WA industry to have these Standards legislated.

The Amendment Bill also addresses an area of vocal concern of the public and that is the monitoring of animals in intensive farms. The Bill is proposing legislation to ensure that inspectors have increased ability to check for industry compliance.

The public perception of the industry especially in the case of intensive businesses is that cruelty is common in day to day management practices. To satisfy community expectations about animal welfare and for public perception to improve, we need State legislation to ensure that animal business operators are more accountable to the Regulator.

The Bill proposes more transparency within the Industry, in particular intensive operations.

I hope you will use your vote to ensure the passage of this Bill and thereby signal to the community that through effective State animal welfare legislation, they can continue to support animal business with confidence.

Yours faithfully

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