



## Legislation Committee

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Committee Clerk  
Standing Committee on Legislation  
Parliament House, 4 Harvest Tce  
West Perth WA 6005

Dear Sir,

Firstly, thank you to the Committee for the opportunity to comment on the proposed bill.  
As it is, the current Animal Welfare Act is very limited in its ability to regulate matters relating to the health and safety of animals.

I believe an independent inspector should be able to turn up at any animal business unannounced to check that the animals inside are being kept in acceptable humane conditions. The fact that this does not happen in 2018 here in WA is totally unacceptable.

Also, the transport and export (if it is not banned) of animals must be independently monitored. As we have seen recently (and countless times in the past), these industries have failed miserably at meeting any standards of animal welfare that are in ANY way acceptable to the community.

I believe there is overwhelming public support for this amendment and, for the animals' sake, it should be updated. Animal Welfare standards should be the highest possible in a country such as Australia.

Thank you once again.

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