

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Prohibition of Live Imports of Primates for Research) Bill 2015.

Submission against Primates used for Research

I can't believe that Australia is still using animals for research purposes. Not only is it incredibly cruel to use animals for experiments etc... but the results do not reflect a true reading as they are not human. Experimentation on animals has consistently been found to be poorly predictive of similar tests and treatments in humans. Despite being our closest living relatives, primates have significant genetic differences that can make applying the results of their tests to human patients ineffective.

It is time for Australia to cease using and importing non-human primates for research.

Not only are these animals bred to be experimented on but they are also stolen from the wild – taken from their families and go from living free to being stuck in a cage, a prison and treated to unbearable pain and torture, all in the name of science. Long distance transportation adds even further stress and suffering of these sentient and highly cognitive animals. Not only are these animals kept in terrible conditions but they are subjected to highly invasive experiments, which is unacceptable.

There is NO justification for Australia to support this international trade in cruelty and perpetuating bad science. Australia needs to eliminate the use of animals in research. There are other options available and I urge you to ban the use of animals in research.

It is time to close down breeding colonies and ceasing live imports.

Primates used by medical research are sensitive and intelligent beings. We owe them a decent life, not confinement, suffering and untimely death in the lab.