

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

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If Australia wants to move into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, animal welfare needs to be a top priority. Stop importing primates now. All vivisection and out sourcing must be made illegal. The utmost importance for developing non-animal experiments and technology needs to be funded in labs across all Australian Universities.

Reliable sources have found primates from Indonesia and other places have actually been exported illegally, suffering horrible living conditions in transportation and in the Australian labs.

Australia the clever country needs to focus on alternative non animal experiments, reduce and phase out it's 3 colonies of primates. Many experiments do not give reliable results, there are many non-animal alternative technologies merging, some more reliable to human conditions.

Australia needs to fund and support the natural environment of it's own country and its South East Asian countries. We are one planet and one community and we need to look after all animals. As my four year old son would put it, 'Animals belong in their jungle not jail.' Torture is wrong.

Labor MP Mike Symon's presentation of over 10,000 signatures opposing primate experimentation to the house of Reps and Lee Rhiannon introduction of a private members bill to the Senate demonstrates people of Australia realise the importance of change, stop importing primates into Australia now.

Sincerely,