

Choose Cruelty Free Ltd.

Suite 17, Level 3 70-80 Wellington Street Collingwood Vic 3066 Australia Website: www.choosecrueltyfree.org.au E-mail: office@choosecrueltyfree.org.au admin@choosecrueltyfree.org.au

Telephone: (03) 9417 4122

P.O. Box 2041, Collingwood VIC 3066 AUSTRALIA

Isn't it time Australian Senators take the time to hear the voices of many of us in Australia and overseas who do not want to use primates for very painful experiments.

We are asking for a Ban to stop importing these intelligent animals into Australia and subjecting them to horrendous conditions while they wait to be tortured before inevitable death.

It is well known there are facilities that breed primates already in Australia. Why are we importing these intelligent animals and making them suffer unnecessarily?

The Australian government could take a stand by showing the world that they can make compassionate changes by ending this cruelty.

A greater achievement would be for the government to fund appropriate alternatives instead of animals.

We beg you to consider this request. It is possible!

Australia is signatory to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), which commits to ensuring international trade in flora and fauna does not threaten a species' survival.

Further, Australia's National Health and Medical Research Council's (NHMRC) policy on non-human primates for scientific purposes states that "whenever possible investigators obtain non-human primates from National Breeding Centres" and "non-human primates imported from overseas must not be taken from wild populations and must be accompanied by documentation to certify their status."

Yours sincerely,

Liz Jackson President Choose Cruelty Free Ltd Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Prohibition of Live Imports of Primates for Research)

Bill 2015

Submission 6