

## FACT SHEET

### ***Animal Welfare Amendment (Reformation) Bill 2018***

The Animal Welfare Amendment (Reformation) Bill 2018 introduces a broad range of reforms to Tasmania's outdated Animal Welfare Act 1993.

This bill bans greyhound racing, rodeos, battery hen cages, beak trimming, and sow stalls.

Currently, the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee has no representative with expertise in the welfare of native wildlife. The bill corrects this by ensuring that the Tasmanian Conservation Trust has a member on the committee.

The bill also implements several recommendations from the 2013 Animal Welfare Act review.

This includes amending the definitions in the act. The bill applies the definitions in section 8 to the entire Act, creates a definition of commercial purpose, creates a definition of management, and ensures that pain and suffering includes mental pain and suffering.

The bill also bans the use of pronged collars, corrects a typo in section 8 of the Act, clarifies that a permit for *soft* leghold traps only may be applied for, and allows for an officer to enter a premises in order to assist an animal under certain circumstances, as well as the conditions for which a warrant is and is not required.