



New South Wales

Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Amendment (Aquatic Animal Recognition) Bill 2021

Explanatory note

This explanatory note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament.

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to amend the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979* to provide that crustaceans and cephalopods are animals for the purposes of that Act.

Outline of provisions

Clause 1 sets out the name (also called the short title) of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the proposed Act on the date of assent to the proposed Act.

Clause 3 amends the definition of *animal* in the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979* to include—

- (a) all crustaceans, not only crustaceans at a building or place where food is prepared or offered for consumption by retail sale in the building or place, and
- (b) cephalopods.



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A Bill for

An Act to amend the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979* to provide that crustaceans and cephalopods are animals for the purposes of that Act.

The Legislature of New South Wales enacts—

1 Name of Act

This Act is the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Amendment (Aquatic Animal Recognition) Act 2021*.

2 Commencement

This Act commences on the date of assent to this Act.

3 Amendment of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979 No 200

Section 4 Definitions

Omit paragraph (b) of the definition of *animal* in section 4(1). Insert instead—

(b) a crustacean, or

(c) a cephalopod.

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