
Animal Research Amendment (Right to Release) Bill 2022

Amendments made by Legislative Assembly on 13 October 2022.

No. 1 **Certain animals may be kept for longer than 3 years**

Page 3, Schedule 1, Insert before line 2—

[1A] Section 11 Annual reports

Insert after section 11(1)—

- (1A) Without limiting subsection (1), the report must include the following information about applications made to the Panel under section 54C(4)(a)—
- (a) the number of applications made,
 - (b) the number of applications approved,
 - (c) the number of applications refused,
 - (d) for each application approved—
 - (i) the number of animals subject to the approval, and
 - (ii) the length of the animal research project, and
 - (iii) the reasons the relevant animal care and ethics committee was satisfied the project was justified to run for longer than 3 years, and
 - (iv) the nature of the research.

No. 2 **Certain animals may be kept for longer than 3 years**

Page 4, Schedule 1[3], proposed section 54C(4)(a), line 21. Omit “Minister”. Insert instead “Panel”.

No. 3 **Certain animals may be kept for longer than 3 years**

Page 4, Schedule 1[3], proposed section 54C. Insert after line 23—

- (4A) An application for approval under subsection (4)(a) must not be made without the approval of the animal care and ethics committee supervising the research project.
- (4B) The animal care and ethics committee must not give approval unless—
 - (a) the committee is satisfied the animal research project is justified to run for longer than 3 years, and
 - (b) at least 1 Category A member of the committee is satisfied animal welfare will not be compromised.
- (4C) An application under subsection (4)(a) must include—
 - (a) proof of the animal care and ethics committee’s approval, and
 - (b) the reasons the committee is satisfied the project is justified to run for more than 3 years.

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- No. 4 **Certain animals may be kept for longer than 3 years**
Page 4, Schedule 1[3], proposed section 54C(5) and (6), lines 24–27. Omit all words on those lines.
- No. 5 **Certain animals may be kept for longer than 3 years**
Page 4, Schedule 1[3], proposed section 54C(7), line 28. Omit “Minister’s”. Insert instead “Panel’s”.
- No. 6 **Definitions**
Page 4, Schedule 1[3], proposed section 54C. Insert after line 33—
 (10) In this section—
 Australian Code means the document published by the Australian Government entitled *Australian code for the care and use of animals for scientific purposes* as in force from time to time.
 Category A member, of a committee, means a member of the committee referred to in the Australian Code, section 2.2.4(i).
- No. 7 **Note concerning privately owned companion animals**
Page 4, Schedule 1[3], proposed section 54C. Insert after line 33—
 Note— An authorised person is not required to rehome a companion animal owned by an individual and primarily kept by the individual for purposes other than animal research.
- No. 8 **Keeping of records about applications to keep animals for longer than 3 years**
Page 5, Schedule 1[3], proposed section 54F. Insert after line 20—
 (e) a copy of—
 (i) each application made under section 54C(4)(a), and
 (ii) the Panel’s approval or refusal of each application.
- No. 9 **Reporting requirements for applications to keep animals for longer than 3 years**
Page 6, Schedule 2[1], proposed section 24(5). Insert after line 8—
 (ba) the number of applications made under the Act, section 54C(4)(a),
 (bb) the number of applications made under the Act, section 54C(4)(a) that were approved,
 (bc) the number of applications made under the Act, section 54C(4)(a) that were refused,
 (bd) the length of each animal research project for which an application under the Act, section 54C(4)(a) was approved,
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