

ANIMAL RESEARCH (AMENDMENT) BILL 1989

NEW SOUTH WALES



EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Explanatory Note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament)

The object of this Bill is to amend the Animal Research Act 1985 so as—

- (a) to provide that the animal research procedure known as the LD50 test shall not be carried out for the purpose of product testing, except with the approval of the Minister given on the recommendation of the Animal Research Review Panel; and
- (b) to prevent the animal research procedure known as the Draize test from being carried out, unless the test is to be carried out for the sole purpose of establishing that prophylactic or therapeutic materials or substances ordinarily intended for use by application to the eye are not irritants to the eye.

Clause 1 specifies the short title of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides for the proposed Act to commence on a day to be appointed by proclamation.

Clause 3 is a formal provision that gives effect to the Schedule of amendments.

SCHEDULE 1—AMENDMENTS

Schedule 1 (1) inserts into section 3 definitions of the animal research procedures known as the LD50 test and the Draize test and a definition of "product testing".

Schedule 1 (2) and (3) amends sections 26 and 32 to provide that an animal care and ethics committee (whose approval is required for research projects) must not approve a research project that involves the application of the LD50 test for product testing, unless the Minister, on the recommendation of the Animal Research Review Panel, has agreed to the carrying out of that test.

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Those sections are also amended to provide that an animal care and ethics committee must not approve the carrying out of the Draize test, except to establish that prophylactic or therapeutic materials or substances ordinarily intended for use by application to the eye are not irritants to the eye.
