



New South Wales

Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Amendment (Virtual Stock Fencing) Bill 2024

Explanatory note

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

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to permit the use of virtual stock fencing devices for the purposes of confining, tracking and monitoring stock animals.

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.

Schedule 1 amends the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979*, section 16 to exclude virtual stock fencing devices from the offence prohibiting the use of certain electrical devices on animals.



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This PUBLIC BILL, originated in the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly



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No. _____, 2024

A Bill for

An Act to amend the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979* to permit the use of virtual stock fencing devices.

The LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL has this day agreed to this Bill with/without amendment.

Legislative Council

Clerk of the Parliaments

The Legislature of New South Wales enacts—

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1 Name of Act

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This Act is the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Amendment (Virtual Stock Fencing) Act 2024*.

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2 Commencement

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

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Schedule 1	Amendment of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979 No 200	1
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[1]	Section 16 Certain electrical devices not to be used upon animals	3
	Insert “, but does not include a virtual stock fencing device” after “the regulations” in section 16(1), definition of <i>electrical device</i> .	4
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[2]	Section 16(1)	6
	Insert in alphabetical order—	7
	<i>virtual stock fencing device</i> means a device—	8
	(a) consisting of GPS-enabled sensors and collars capable of delivering electric pulses and cues to stock animals, and	9
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	(b) used for the purposes of confining, tracking and monitoring stock animals.	11
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