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Section 17 YES Options for better outcomes; transfer of ownership to RSPCA and Crown, foster care, prudent sale or release. Avoid horse markets that often result in fearful long (or local) journeys and slaughter in inhumane abattoirs. Euthanasia by veterinary surgeon as a last resort. All more effort no doubt but important to relieve suffering.

Section 3A 'Care of Charge of Animals'". YES

Sections 10, 11, 27 Animal Research I am personally opposed to laboratory testing of animals but support new alternative technological non-invasive and humane methods that may replace them. The Animal Experimentation Ethics Committee is essential. I would like to see quarterly inspections that include at least one unannounced check."

Sections 8 and 9

Amend Section 8 to include the correction 'MAY' YES A good inclusion and clear cut prevention. (Alternatives; education regarding suitability of breed for prospective owners. Promotion of reward training and special types of harnesses).

Section 16 YES All powers to inspectors! Vital legislation.

Section 17 YES

Section 24 YES

Section 26 YES

Absolutely I agree. YES

Section 22, 45(2) YES Makes good sense.

It is pleasing to see reform in animal welfare imminent however the following issues have been of deep concern to me for many years. Layer Hens confined in crowded cages and Sows in stalls have a very poor quality of existence, unable to express their natural instincts. In their confined deprived lives they undoubtedly suffer terribly, both physically and mentally. Over the last thirty years of active involvement in animal welfare I have become increasingly aware of true concern and, even rage, once people are aware of conditions. These practises should be banned with help of course to the farmers affected. Another cruelty that needs addressing is calves subjected to lasso and roping in rodeos which causes injuries and terror to these gentle creatures.

Where is the kinder Tasmania that former Premier Peter Gutwin spoke of when first elected?

Good wishes to the new Minister Hon. Jo Palmer.