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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your correspondence of 10 February 2026 regarding the petition tabled in the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 10 February 2026 (4274-25) – *Stop social media platforms showing the online torture of animals*. I thank the petitioners for raising this issue and acknowledge the ongoing interest of the community on this issue, having responded to a petition in April 2025 (4190-24) which made an identical request.

The Queensland Government is committed to setting and enforcing strong legislation that safeguards the welfare of all animals in Queensland and meets community expectations. Queensland's *Animal Care and Protection Act 2001* promotes the responsible care and use of animals. It places a legal duty of care on people in charge of animals to meet those animals' needs in an appropriate way, and prohibits cruelty to animals by unjustifiable, unnecessary, or unreasonable pain.

I note the petitioners seek stronger controls to prevent animal cruelty material being shared online. The penalties referenced in the petition relate to the *Online Safety Act 2021* (Cth), which is administered by the Federal Government. I again encourage the petitioners to raise their concerns with the Federal Government. I am advised such matters fall within the portfolio responsibilities of the Honourable Anika Wells MP, Minister for Communications and Minister for Sport.

If you require further information, please contact Mr Matt Jensen in my office on 07 3719 7530.

Yours sincerely



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