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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your email of 4 April 2025 regarding the petition as tabled in the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 1 April 2025 (4190-24) – *Stop social media platforms showing the online torture of animals*.

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.

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 encourage the petitioners to raise their concerns with the Federal Government. I am advised such matters fall within the portfolio responsibilities of the Honourable Michelle Rowland MP, Minister for Communications. Minister Rowland can be contacted by email at Minister.Rowland@mo.communications.gov.au or at PO Box 6022, House of Representatives, Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600.

Yours sincerely

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