

# Consultation outcome: Draft Animal Welfare (Sentencing and Recognition of Sentience) Bill 2017

*Updated:* Updated the summary of responses to include Animal Welfare Research Network and Animal Welfare Science, Ethics and Law Veterinary Association in the list of respondents.

We want to know what you think about our draft Animal Welfare (Sentencing and Recognition of Sentience) Bill which does two things. It states that animals are sentient beings and it increases the maximum penalty for animal welfare cruelty offences from 6 months to 5 years imprisonment.