

CHANGE PETITION

Chi's Legacy: Include the protection of pet rabbits in the Domestic Animal Act in Victoria

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15,013 SIGNATURES

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Comments

1. "I have a rabbit and it is a living creature equal to all other creatures."
2. "It is way passed time the australian government took off the blinkers and started to give rabbits the same status as shared by cats and dogs. Come down hard on dumping of bunnies and give us the vaccine to protect our bunnies from the vile disease which was deliberately spread by the Australian government."
3. "I am signing this petition because I believe rabbits should be protected just as much as cats and or dogs."
4. "Pet rabbits deserve our protection and responsible pet ownership needs to be encouraged for all pet owners."
5. "I'm a pet rabbit owner, and would love to see these changes made. It's time that animals other than cats and dogs are recognised as pets."
6. "Rabbits are a popular choice as pets and should be afforded the same rights as cats and dogs."
7. "I have 2 rabbits I love them so much and they return as much love. I would have never thought I would own a rabbit but I adopted them as they couldn't be sold and I wouldnt change anything."
8. "i know government wants to protect small business but pet shop and illegal breeders practice are irresponsible, many many lives lost due to this, please, please stop the abuse"
9. "Rabbits need a voice so stand up for them and other animals to .No animal deserves to die"
10. "all animals no matter how big or small all deserve our protection and care"
11. "I'm a responsible domestic rabbit owner, who can see the need for protection of these amazing creatures. We do all we can to give accurate information, and to encourage others to care for them in the correct way. It would be wonderful if we had laws to back that up. While we're at it, PLEASE allow those same responsible pet owners to have access to the Myxo vaccine, for our desexed and (Calici) vaccinated house buns. If you've ever seen what it does to a bun, you wouldnt hesitate to allow us to protect our buns from this horrific disease."
12. "i care strongly about this!"

13. "I am a pet rabbit owner, my bun is the most gentle and affectionate being in the world."
14. "Rabbits deserve our compassion too"
15. "Our bunnies need us to speak up for them"
16. "All animals deserve protection. Rabbits are just like dogs and cats, with their own unique personalities. They just smell better than the normal household pets."
17. "Rabbits are parts of our family that deserve recognition and protection."
18. "There needs to be stronger laws around pet shops selling animals as far too many go undesexed and end up dumped or at shelters"
19. "I have a brain and a heart."
20. "animal cruelty needs to stop , help the poor bunnies"
21. "Pet rabbits are members of the family just as much as cats and dogs!"
22. "I'm signing because I'm a proud bunny owner and they deserve better as members of our family."
23. "All pets deserve protection"
24. "When looked after properly (desexed!) bunnies are easier to care for than dogs & cats & make great apartment pets too. This should be recognised."
25. "I have two rescued house rabbits and they are just the same as cats and dogs - loveable, smart, funny, full of personality."
26. "All animals deserve the right to be protected from abuse and neglect and responsible pet owners deserve the right to be able to immunise their pets from deadly diseases."
27. "I love my pet rabbit as much as anyone loves a dog or cat.they should be given the same protection."
28. "If pet rabbits are breed as companion animals, then governments are responsible to ensure that suitable laws are in place to protect the animal from neglect and abuse and provide duty of care to the pet owner from misinformation regarding the pet. As rabbits are considered a pest in Australia, I would suggest that rabbits should be classed as exotics requiring a licence to purchase, where desexing should be compulsory and a level of knowledge required, similar to the purchase of exotic birds and reptiles.."
29. "rabbits are beautiful, sensitive creatures with intelligence and personality and should be treated with respect."
30. "I am a house rabbit owner and would do anything to protect my beloved pets!"
31. "i love bunnies"

32. "im signing this because rabbits are the most undervalued and overbred pet in Australia!!! Much knowledge and responsibility needs to go into owning a pet rabbit!!! People seem to get over them very quickly and dispose of them without second thought. They are beautiful animals, make excellent pets and need to be loved and protected!!!!"
33. "It is a sad fact that the welfare of many small pets particularly rabbits by their owners is very poor. These defenceless creatures need to be protected against abuse and neglect."
34. "I have pet rabbits"
35. "rabbits are the most beautiful animals in the world, make the greatest pets and bring my life so much joy"
36. "I have two pet rabbits of my own and I fear that one day they will contract the awful disease myxomatosis, and die a long, slow, painful death. They are very much a part of our family and it is unfair that they are at risk of dying from such a horrible disease. I work at a store where we sell pet supplies (NOT live animals) and I attempt on a regular basis to convince parents that rabbits are just as much work as a cat or a dog, and are not a quick, disposable pet for children."
37. "I want every rabbit to be protected from cruelty."
38. "I totally agree with RRO, these are beautiful, sensitive creatures who deserve dignity and a good chance at this life."
39. "People need to be educated inThe care & the responsibility of owing a rabbit"
40. "I love my house rabbit and they should be protected. Also protected against myxomatosis should have the vaccination only if they are registered(microchipped)."
41. "I am signing this petition, from the other side of the world in Canada, because I care about Australian pet rabbits. Through a Facebook group for pet rabbit owners, I have gotten to know many Australian bunny lovers and their adorable buns. I have seen many stories of dumped rabbits, of ill-cared for rabbits, of people getting rid of their rabbit because they are bored with it, of breeders forced to get rid of their rabbits. But no where have I heard this stories more than from out of Australia. And what makes it worse, instead of controlling breeders and making some sort of fair law about it, you release a virus that even gets to the most protected house rabbit. You should at the very least, and I stress the very least, make a vaccine for caring pet rabbit owners like my friends, to get for their beloved bunnies. The myxo virus would already have had a vaccine by now if it affected your dog and cat. Well, we love our bunnies just as much as you love your dog and cat, so please think of other animal lovers an"

42. "Pet rabbits must be subject to the same laws as cats and dogs, desexed and microchipped unless the owner is registered as a breeder with an approved organisation. Abusers of rabbits should face the full force of animal anti-cruelty prevention laws and not ignored because they are believed to be 'undesirable' animals. It is the human that is the undesirable and should be punished for animal cruelty and environmental violations if they dump their pets"
43. "Rabbits are wonderful pets who often go without the TLC they need to keep healthy and happy. All animals should be covered by the five freedoms and the situations rabbits end up in after being bought at pet shops by ignorant parents wanting to entertain their children are violations of the five freedoms."
44. "As a domestic rabbit lover, carer and rescuer, something needs to be done about the abuse, neglect and miss treatment of domesticated bunnies. We As humans populated Australia with rabbits. We as humans have domesticated them. But We as humans take no accountability for the issues that have arisen from our selfishness. A rabbit does what a rabbit was created to do, just like any animal that we have taken, used and manipulated for our self obsessed needs and purpose. We created the problem then blame, hurt the animal for being itself. I could go on and on but this Petition is spot on. I put my full support behind it."
45. "Rabbit's deserve to be treated equally like any other pets. They are much loved animals throughout the world . Please show some respect and compassion"
46. "Rabbits are bred to please us, the least we can give back is a full and happy life. Proper management of any pet species is an ethical must."
47. "Rabbits deserve to be treated as other pets under Australian law. State and federal laws need to be updated to recognise and protect the status of pet rabbits, their ability to be vaccinated, to be protected from cruelty, to be sheltered and protected as other animals are."
48. "I'm signing because I believe Rabbits should be included. Rabbits make such great pets, just as good as any dog or cat and they deserve to be treated the same. They are such beautiful animals and need proper care and loving."
49. "I gave a domestic rabbit & am an advocate for all animals without a voice to be treated with kindness."
50. "Rabbits/Lagomorphs are the love of my life, they helped me through a terminal illness with their unconditional love to which I am now a chronic illness suffer and still alive. I knew nothing about these mis understood creatures until I met my partner. We have shown our buns, they have own numerous trophies and are our family. These laws and lack of rights in this backward nation needs to be reviewed and for these quiet creatures to have a voice means WE ALL NEED TO SPEAK ON THEIR BEHALF!"

51. "Bunnies are too often neglected and abused, but they are beautiful pets :)"
52. "I support Chi's Legacy. Why shouldn't the 3rd most popular pet in Australia be protected just like dogs and cats?!"
53. "Because I care"
54. "I have recently discovered the joys of owning rescued companion rabbits. I live in an area where there are wild rabbits that enter my property and I am concerned that I am unable to protect my companions from disease. Watching an animal die unnecessary is heartbreaking for the owners and the vets who have to put them down."
55. "These intelligent and loving animals should be as protected by law as other companion animals are."
56. "Rabbits are sweet, intelligent creatures and they deserve protection!"
57. "Rabbits have feelings too."
58. "Pet rabbits are in desperate need of animal welfare laws similar to those of other pets."
59. "I believe rabbits need better protection laws"
60. "Rabbit owner"
61. "It's time rabbits were given the same protection status as cats and dogs"
62. "rabbits need protection just like all pets"
63. "I have pet rabbits and believe they are just as important as any other pet"
64. ""I am in favor of animal rights as well as human rights. That is the way of a whole human being." — Abraham Lincoln"
65. "I'm a responsible rabbit owner who has two desexed male rabbits. I love them just as much as any cat or dog and feel that they deserve the same protection of law as dogs and cats. Pet shops should not be able to sell any animal. Leave it to experts, RSPCA, AWL & expert breeders. Please change the law to ban pets being sold from a shop & allow pets rabbits to be vaccinated for myxoma once desexed."
66. "I'm a rabbit owner and lover and rescuer and have been for many years and have witnessed a lot of cruelty and suffering to these beautiful animals and I'm outraged that they are not offered any form of protection..I'm also very disappointed the government will not allow the myxoma vaccine into Australia"
67. "I am signing this because I feel domestic rabbits should be treated better and be part of the animal welfare laws. I volunteer at the RSPCA and see many domestic rabbits found or surrendered because of owners not interested in caring for them anymore because of lack of education or advice."
68. "Children get attached to their pets even rabbits and they need to be protected"

69. "I'm signing because I agree. This should already be in place. Abuse is abuse"
70. "Pet rabbits should be protected under animal welfare laws in Australia. They are loved pets like a dog is."
71. "I believe this is a cruel and unfair state of affairs and needs to be changed."
72. "Because we need to protect our rabbits."
73. "because I believe a desexed pet rabbit poses no threat to agriculture so should be allowed"
74. "I love all animals and they all should be protected and helped"
75. "I believe this is a cruel and unfair state of affairs and needs to be changed."
76. "I am the proud owner of several house rabbits, they are gentle loving and intelligent animals. I also work in rescue and see so many rabbits dumped, neglected, mistreated and abused every day. This has to stop."
77. "This is important...that's why I'm signing, and while I'm at it, people should be compensated in some way by the government after losing their Rabbit Family to the myxo virus that has been released into the environment by those who don't seem to care about the chain reaction it has. It causes people so much upset and grief when their beloved Rabbit or Rabbits contract this horrible virus....and die/need to be put to sleep!!!"
78. "A lover of all creatures and believer in equal rights among all beings. Companion of 4 cats, 2 dogs and a rabbit victim to former neglect. These beautiful individuals need to be protected by our government, how many rabbits I have seen stuck in the backyard with no space to move and at the verge of insanity due to lack of stimulation. This needs to change. You have my full support!"
79. "Rabbits deserve a voice. They are a wonderful pet and are totally disregarded by our laws, this lets those less ethical abuse without consequence. Unjust. This will be corrected in the future eventually. Let justice start now."
80. "All creatures need to be protected!"
81. "i love bunnies"
82. "Unbelievable and absolutely stupid"
83. "I believe that animals deserve better treatment than they get in Australia. We are teaching children that sentient(us and rabbits) can be treated poorly."
84. "Rabbits like all animals need protection,Please help this happen..."
85. "All animals deserve protection"
86. "Every single being is important to me. Everyone and everything deserves to be protected from harm no matter. Who or what they are. Pet rabbits included."
87. "rabbits have feelings the same as cats and dogs"

88. "I'm signing because I love rabbits."
89. "All animals deserve rights, no matter how big or small."
90. "I'm signing because all animals have the right to be loved as a family pet"
91. "My rabbit is a beautiful and intelligent creature who doesn't kill native birds or bite children on the face. Desexed and microchipped she poses no threat to the environment and deserves equal rights to any other introduced species such as a dog or cat."
92. "Tiere müssen gesetzlich geschützt werden auf der ganzen Welt, Rechtsverstöße müssen strafrechtlich verfolgt werden!!! Wildtiere gehören in die Freiheit, ihr Lebensraum muss geschützt und bewahrt werden, Tierrechte müssen konsequenter durchgesetzt werden."
93. "PLEASE SIGN PETITION"
94. "May"
95. "STOP DIERENLEED"
96. "Helped"
97. "THE RABBITS MATTER."
98. "Because rabbits are living beings and have feelings, no matter what others think. Rabbits should have protection as sentient beings should."
99. "Rabbits are part of our family and best inner household companions. It is shameful that they are still not covered under Australia Animal Welfare Law and we cannot vaccinate against myxomatosis virus and travel with our pets like other families. Also, please consider banning the sell of rabbits in pet stores and backyards breeders. Thank you"
100. "HiOur pet rabbits need your help in encouraging the government to over turn its cruel stance on the Myxomatosis vaccine. Feral rabbits are immune to this disease, it is only our gorgeous pet rabbits which are dying from contracting it. I have already lost one rabbit to this evil disease and have another fighting for her life at the vets (day four) as I write this.Please can you lobby the government on behalf of all the rabbit owners in Australia to over turn this stupid ruling and allow the vaccine to be fully available in Australia.Desperately seeking helpSarah Woods"
101. "I agree with this petition"
102. "It is time that more strict laws were made to protect rabbits from cruelty, abuse and neglect. Rabbits are living beings and feel pain and suffer as you or I and must be protected from neglect, abandonment and abuse. It is the same here in the UK. Many rabbits die alone in tiny hutches abandoned at the bottom of someone's garden, never receiving veterinary care if they are ill. Many are let loose in the wild where they die. it is time that all countries improve their welfare laws to protect these defenceless creatures."

103. "Our bunny is a sensitive and loving member of our family and, as such, deserves protection. We want to be able to vaccinate him against myxomatosis."
104. "My pet rabbit does not kill native animals like cats or dogs and is the most affectionate little guy you could imagine. He and others like him deserve protection."
105. "Rabbits make wonderful pets. As they don't have a voice they need us to speak up and help protect them."
106. "Not being able to vaccinate my bunny"
107. "THESE POOR RABBITS ARE KEPT IN CAGES DAY AND NIGHT MOST THE TIME. THEY NEED SUFFICIENT SPACE TO LIVE, THEY NEED TO LIVE FREELY.. THEY NEED LOVE.. THEY NEED A GOOD DIET..THEY NEED TO BE TAKEN TO THE VETS WHEN THEY ARE SICK. LAWS NEED TO BE PUT IN PLACE TO PROTECT THESE CUTE BUNDLES OF JOY. HOW CAN ANYONE BE SO CRUEL TO RABBITS OR ANY ANIMALS. SOME PEOPLE HAVE NO KINDNESS, NO CARE AND NO COMPASSION FOR THESE BEAUTIFUL ANIMALS."
108. "all house hold animals should be cared for and be able to be vaccinated from deadly viruses"
109. "I love bunnies !"
110. "Regulation is definitely needed"
111. "My beautiful pet rabbit adds so much to my life. He means the world to me. All pet rabbits deserve to be protected under Australian law. I also offer wish my Queensland friends could experience the absolute joy that a pet rabbit brings to your life."
112. "These precious nanoes need a voice and to be protected"
113. "I am a responsible owner of three rabbits but they need a lot of care and love. One of these rabbits I found on the streets of my estate and the other two were unwanted rabbits that were bought for children from a pet shop that the family gave up to the RSPCA when they were 12 months old"
114. "Because the welfare of all animals are equally important. For any animal not to be included is appalling."
115. "Tell me why my pet rabbits are any less special to my neighbour's pet dog and why they shouldn't be just as protected by my Government too."
116. "We have 2 pet rabbits who are part of our family living indoor with us, they deserve to be protected and not regarded as being dispensable."
117. "I have 2 pet rabbit and they are just as important as any other pet and they need protection. Please help change the laws!"
118. "Responsible. Rabbit Petowners should have the same rights as other Domesticated pets."
119. "There definitely needs to be laws to protect pet rabbits and also laws about how they are sold etc."
120. "I'm signing because it's very important to me"

121. "I love my pet and am serious about their care.. I deserve the right to take care of them to the best of vet medicines ability..."
122. "stand by"
123. "I have 4 rescued pet rabbits and want to see them recognised and protected by law as cats or dogs are. Regulations to inhibit, deter and prosecute mistreatment and abuse is necessary to lift the profile and importance of these animals as pets and stop unnecessary and cruel breeding practices."
124. "Hate to see the pet bunnies get dumped or killed by viruses."
125. "I have 3 bun buns and love them dearly. I would love to see this happen"
126. "I have a pet rabbit."
127. "I love bunnies. I also respect their right to a decent life."
128. "rabbits rule!"
129. "Every animal needs to be free from cruelty"
130. "I'm signing because my rabbit passed away recently, and I'm devastated that I could not vaccinate him against the virus that the government released."
131. "Rabbits are beautiful, sweet animals who should have welfare rights as per cats and dogs in our society."
132. "SIGNED/SHARED=THAT MUST BE CHANGED !!"
133. "I have owned plenty of rabbits throughout my childhood and have lost plenty to the release of myxomatosis. Which has been released without any community notice. I currently own a rabbit with my partner and he plays a massive part in our lives. I believe that he should have the same consideration as other domesticated pets like dogs and cats. All domesticated pets should be treated equally as they would all play identical roles and sometimes essential roles in being part of the family."
134. "Rabbits are animals too"
135. "Rabbits should have the same rights to live a happy and fulfilled life like other pets in Australia."
136. "I love my pet rabbits."
137. "Tiere, sind Lebewesen! Dessen, sind Sie sich bewusst? Auch sie haben ein Anrecht auf ein würdevolles Leben auf diesem Planeten! Sie sind Menschen, dann handeln Sie menschlich und züchtig. Nehmen, Sie Ihre Verantwortung, bitte. Zivilisierte, Gesellschaft? Traurig, dass man Petitionen unterschreiben muss. Dies, sollte selbstverständlich sein. Merci."
138. "tierliebe"
139. "Firmado"
140. "Please protect pet rabbits"
141. "Please sign and share this petition.Thank you."

142. "I think these new laws, if carefully and thoughtfully put in place, could help regulate the currently uncontrollable rabbit "pest" population. You know... fix the mistake we made in the first place. Its not the rabbits fault that it could thrive so well in this habitat, it just did. Now they're getting sick, abandoned, and/or killed because there's too many of them? Let's do something about this. For e.g. giving them rights will encourage pet owners to desex and care for them upon adoption."
143. "amar animais é dom respeita-los é obrigação"
144. "Getekend"
145. "The way rabbits released in the wild are "culled" in Australia is an outrage. Wild or domesticated, all animals are living sentient beings who not only deserve but are entitled to the right to live by the simple fact that they're on the planet Earth. Animal rights should concern ALL animals, animal cruelty is criminal."
146. "This is a real issue. It would be amazing if it applied not only to rabbits, but also Guinea pigs. Rabbits and Guinea Pigs are not suitable first pets for little kids, but pet shops and back-yard breeders sell them readily. Changes in laws around these animals are a must!"
147. "Rabbits need protecting as much as any other animal"
148. "Cane toads are a pest. Bunnies are a member of the family."
149. "Ce sont de très bons animaux de compagnie"
150. "If you buy an animal in pet shops that animal should be protected by the same laws as any other pet ownership. Rabbits are sweet animals yet with specific needs never accounted for by sellers. So they are neglected and dumped in huge numbers."
151. "As a former rabbit(s) owner I feel strongly that rabbits should have equal rights as cats and dogs do."
152. "Rabbits are so gentle & lovely, they need to be protected. !!!!"
153. "Rabbits have rights too"
154. "Animals need proper protections to prevent abuse and suffering. Breeding of pet rabbits MUST be regulated, and legislation in place to ensure the proper care of these beautiful pets."

155. "It's time humanity started showing animals the respect, love and compassion they deserve. Australia is on the top 10 list of countries with the worst animal cruelty, a statistic that doesn't surprise me. In the 10 years I have been here I have been horrified at the incidences of animal cruelty and neglect. I see it every day and the laws in this country that are supposed to protect against these crimes are puny to say the least. Pet stores are disgusting institutions that should be shut down - they have no standards of care for the animals they sell, they have no morals and are happy to sell puppies bred on horrific puppy farms and they don't care who they sell the animals to as long as they make money. Rabbits aren't feral, only the stupid people who introduced them in to the country - they're the true ferals and they're the ones who should be exterminated. My one wish is that an alien race comes down to Earth and sees the human race as "feral" and wipes it off the planet. Only then will these poor innocent"
156. "PLEASE SIGN and SHARE"
157. "Nikutta"
158. "long overdue"
159. "Signed and shared"
160. "Rabbits are family members too!"
161. "I care about the welfare of all animals"
162. "Please S/S. I wish pet shops wouldn't sell rabbits. They sell one which means they are lonely. Or they tell you to have 2 of the same sex, but they don't tell you when they mature and you have to get them neutered otherwise they will fight. Poor bunnies get dumped because people don't get them neutered or can't be bothered with them ☹"
163. "Include the protection of pet rabbits in Animal Welfare Laws in Australia."
164. "These vulnerable animals need protection."
165. "Rabbits are living beings just the same as every other human, animal and pet. They should have the same protections"
166. "Be allow to have a pet rabbits in queensland."
167. "."
168. "Rabbits are precious animals too!"
169. "Absolutely! It's a must!!"
170. "Exactly! This makes no sense. There should be laws for mandatory desexing of rabbits to implement a sensible law"
171. "うさぎ実験代に使うの反対"
172. "Rabbits are lovely, intelligent and unique animals that are widely misunderstood in society. They are as important a pet as a cat or dog and deserve the same protection. Rabbit owners should be educated and informed about them as pets and this needs to start with leadership and compassion."

173. "My family recently rescued a bunny from our street one night after returning home from seeing Evita, after managing to catch the poor thing we fell in love with the adorable creature. I had had two rabbits growing up, starting when I was eight, Fluffy I called her. She was an incredibly smart and clever bunny who managed to escape her hutch in the middle of the night months after getting her, never to be seen again. Then my aunt got me my second bunny, a Netherland Dwarf I named Dash, this bunny was with us a lot longer but was stolen by a fox about 18 months later. I'm now 25, and want nothing more than to give this Rabbit the best life possible. I hate that my precious Dusty isn't viewed the same way by my government as my aunts poodles are. My friend had a bunny pass due to myxomatosis virus, which could have been so easily prevented. I want nothing more than my companion to be treated and regulated the same way as every other pet."
174. "When my rabbit died from this, a part of my soul died with him."
175. "Seventh Angel Care Revelation 10:7 / 11:15"
176. "Rabbits are as much a loving pet as dogs or cats and deserve to have protection from cruelty and not live painful lives in tiny cages as throw away pets!"
177. "Because I know what rabbit Runaway Orphinaeg dose for all those rabbits that go through the doors there as lam one of the volunteers there please change those lawers for the rabbits please."
178. "A pet is a pet is a pet."
179. "Our 2 rabbits died from Myxomatosis"
180. "We desperately need Chi's Legacy. Pet rabbits have been ignored for to long in Australia, whilst breeding, selling and dumping has increased at a rapid pace."
181. "Every animal deserves to be protected and treated with kindness"
182. "Domestic rabbits deserve the rights that cats and dogs enjoy as many Australians are happy domestic rabbit owners. We need to place attention to what is happening in pet shops, in our suburbs with dumping and people's behaviour around cruelty."
183. "Pet Rabbits should have the same rights as cats and dogs and other pets. They are sentient, loving and intelligent animals and fantastic pets. But they are not toys. They need more protection."
184. "Because rabbits are beautiful and intelligent animals who need our protection."
185. "All animals should be protected from abuse by law. How a society treats animals is a reflection of the overall sophistication of that society."

186. "It's heartbreaking and so cruel, and it won't improve unless these measures are put in place that makes people accountable for their actions, and gives pet rabbits the very basic of rights they need and deserve."
187. "I am a rabbit owner and love them. They need to be protected like every other Animal so that they are kept safe and not subject to cruelty"
188. "Please help people become better and more responsible pet owners. Poor bunnies need better laws to protect them"
189. "I hope that this petition can be successful so that we have uniform laws that protect animals, and contribute to less suffering. Regulation on pets rabbits would also likely prevent excessive breeding, and escape of the animals into the wild, which the government would see as problematic. It stands as such there is no logical reason to not proceed with enacting this petition! Rabbits have suffered enough!"
190. "All animals have a right to be protected from cruelty and abuse."
191. "It is high time for rabbits to have legal recognition just like cats & dogs. It is time to end the mistreatment of rabbits and put legal accountability to those that do. End rabbit suffering now !"
192. "I've witnessed too many irresponsible and cruel rabbit owners."
193. "Rabbits are pets like cats and dogs. They are sentient, show affection, need affection and suffer when sick or injured. There are far too many rabbits bred by unscrupulous breeders who sell them to anyone without proper education and practices that select appropriate owners. It's time to change laws to include them as pets and prevent them being abused and mistreated."
194. "This is long overdue. Rabbits are companion animals, they are also therapy animals. They deserve protection from backyard breeders and deserve respect as a species."
195. "I'm signing because I am very passionate in ensuring Australian Rabbits are taken well cared for as they deserve to live a high quality life like any other pet- dog, cat, etc.."
196. "Bunnies should be classified as important as dogs and cats. They're such loving little creatures and can live up to 14 years when properly cared for. They should absolutely be covered under Australia's Animal Welfare Law and it's appalling that we cannot vaccinate against myxomatosis virus and travel with our pets like other families can. Australia needs to do better!"
197. "Rabbits should be treated with as much value and love as any other animal!"

198. "Rabbits are like any other family pet. My rabbit is free roam and has an amazing loving personality! He follows me around and jumps up on me every night on the lounge for cuddles. It is wrong that the Government will not allow us to protect our pets from viruses they put out that cause painful and unnecessary deaths. Owning a pet rabbit is no different to owning a cat or a dog. Pet rabbits should be covered under the animal welfare laws, it's 2020 for goodness sake, update the laws!"
199. "Bunnies should not be put in this position..ever"
200. "All pets should be protected"
201. "Rabbit's are amazing and they deserve to be protected."
202. "I love all animals."
203. "All animals must be treated with respect to create a world of kindness"
204. "Rabbits a beautiful creatures who deserve to have the same protection under the law as other animals do"
205. "We need to stand together and save rabbits from abuse"
206. "All animals deserve protection."
207. "I love my grand barbie rabbits ♡♡♡♡♡"
208. "I'm signing because if people are responsible with their pet rabbits then they should be able to have them."
209. "I love rabbits. They are family pets"
210. "Rabbits should have the same rights and protection that other pet animals SHOULD have."
211. "We love our pets no matter what they are and no one has the right to discriminate against any breed of animal."
212. "I own rabbits and think the laws are abhorrent."
213. "Rabbits need a voice too!!"
214. "Pet Rabbits are intelligent loving pets, and deserve the same rights as a cat or dog. Please give them this protection"
215. "Pet rabbits need protection too"
216. "We should all be responsible for any animal's welfare."
217. "But australians love to abuse animals. Racehorses, dogs, koalas, greyhounds, kangaroos, sheep (live export), wombats, children. Is there anything they don't have the right to abuse?"
218. "As a new rabbit mum I can't believe how mistreated they are as pets. They need all the help and support we can give them."
219. "All animals should be included"
220. "It's time, Australia!"
221. "Both my rabbits are house rabbits and are no threat to the environment. My newest rabbit i rescued from neglect and after just a couple days is one of the sweetest pets i've ever met. Owners of house rabbits see that our pet rabbits are just as loveable, valid pets as dogs or cats. There is no reason our pets should be discriminated against."
222. "I love rabbits and have 2 myself! And if my signature can help rabbits then I'm all for it"

223. "I want my bunny to stay safe. If this petition will help that in all for it!"
224. "Bunnies need to be protected as do all beings. Abuse and neglect should be punished legally so as it is repeated. These gorgeous creatures can no longer be used as breeder income, animal testing and entertainment in households until they are no longer wanted."
225. "Doing this because shelters for buns do not receive govt funding as they do for cats and dogs, Buns are a common pet and people ought to be held to a basic level of care for them. Once this is in place it will be great to see the Myxo Vaccine become available in Australia, even if only for desexed animals as breeding is sighted to be the gov'ts major concern."
226. "Rabbits need quality care standards."
227. "Disgraceful that those in government care nothing for such deliberate and unforgivable cruelty."
228. "Rabbits are not easy pets!! I've spent more than \$5k on my three bunnies for desexing, treating parasite infections and regular health checks. Think carefully before bringing them back home! They're not cheaper than dogs and cats!"
229. "Rabbits should be be protected"
230. "Rabbits are just as intelligent as Dogs and Cats who get more cover and help. It's time the Victorian Government got up with the timed and protected these amazing animals who many have as wonderful pets."
231. "I have pet rabbits"
232. "I'm a rabbit lover."
233. "Being the 3rd most popular pet means it's a no brainer rabbits deserve the same protection as other domestic animals."
234. "As a domestic pet rabbits deserve the same protection afforded to other pets."
235. "No animal should have to be killed"
236. "Rabbits are family, same as dogs and cats."
237. "Rabbits deserve to truly live their lives and not be confined to a cage for their entire existence. It'd be torture for a human, animals don't deserve it."
238. "I want to protect rabbits"
239. "Rabbits are sentient, smart and loving pets and deserve protections like other pet cats and dogs. We vaccinate, desex and look after them as responsible loving owners so why shouldn't they be given the same rights and protection as other animals."
240. "Rabbits NEED protection too. They are beautiful pets and deserve the right to be treated humanely"
241. "Pet rabbits aren't pests reproducing uncontrollably - unlike politicians"

242. "Rabbits are as sensitive, loving and loveable as any dog or cat and should be protected in the same way. They make wonderful companions and deserve to be included in any laws governing cruelty, breeding, neglect and disposal/dumping."
243. "All animals deserve love and protection especially rabbits. They are God's love in animal form!"
244. "Rabbits deserve to be protected and valued in the same way as any other companion animal! As the third most popular pet in Victoria, it's high time we offered the same protections to rabbits as we do dogs and cats. Our rescue facilities are struggling to keep up with the number of bunnies being dumped or surrendered, and we can make a considerable difference to this by ensuring people value their bunnies as companion animals and are held accountable for their mistreatment."
245. "Such precious and amazing animals, if you have the time and money I would recommend you adopt some bunnies for your self, if you don't have the time and money please don't as most people abandon there rabbits and it's just cruel"
246. "We need laws to protect all animals in the world, signing this is just a start"
247. "There are Never to many Cute Rabbits, they are innocent Animals , that were created by GOD!! If you can have "BIRTH-control, that would solve the problem! People have many of them as pets, so there must be a Spaying method! The Rabbits are harmless, the Australian Government, should NOT follow the Horrible way , that some savage countries are! There are already telling us about how the Human Race, is bringing the Animal & those that have Oceans as there homes, are found Dead & Sick on beaches, not just Algae, but by human pollution with plastics & company other industries dumping poison in oceans & other waterways! Please , preserve the few we still have left, Spay & Neuter, so they can still run free& not Multiply! Only we can solve this problem , the humane way!!"
248. "Pet rabbits deserve better treatment, they have feelings just like every other animal on earth, including humans."
249. "Michael"
250. "Our rabbits are our family and deserve the same rights as other domestic family pets. Please sign and donate to help make this change happen."
251. "Our domestic bunnies need the same protection and rights as other domestic animals."
252. "Native animals species are impacted by rabbits so law enforcement is the only solution for controlling numbers in the wild and making irresponsible owners accountable by Micro chipping upon sale."

253. "I also have been campaigning for the past four years for domestic rabbits to be included in the Victorian Domestic Animals Act on the same basis as cats so they can be protected and managed in a similar way, and also to put an end to uncontrolled backyard breeding and distribution. There is far too much neglect if rabbit welfare and without this legal protection this will most likely continue. Rabbits are now a mainstream pet, contributing around \$78 million to the Victorian economy each year, and should be recognised as a companion animal in the same way as dogs and cats."
254. "This is very important very better welfare issues for pet rabbits."
255. "should have been in place long ago."
256. "We need to start putting animals and their welfare first!"
257. "My wife and I are proud owners of a pet rabbit Bella now and formerly one named Harvey. Both have been wonderful pets - somewhat mischievous at times but excellent pets. Our pet rabbits were rescued by animal welfare groups and Harvey escaped to our house from an unregulated breeder who lived near us . They should be protected at law from ill treatment and abuse. Ralph Clarke Adelaide"
258. "There are too many people who tar all animals with the same brush, conveniently forgetting how those species arrived on this continent in the first place. I suppose it's easier for those people to kill innocent creatures who cannot defend themselves than looking at their own families and family history. This has to stop before humans lose their humanity. We're not far off it now in too many areas."
259. "Rabbits are beloved family pets as well . They deserve to be protected by laws, the same as our dogs and cats"
260. "All animals should be protected they all feel pain , hunger and can feel unloved and us humans should be responsible for making sure they get that care ."
261. "Pet rabbits are being bred, sold or dumped in large numbers with no laws to prevent this."
262. "It's important to cover all animals."
263. "Pet rabbits need protective laws to keep them safe"
264. "This makes me sick and so sad"
265. "We need to stand up for the voiceless animals, that have no say and are exploited every single day."
266. "Too many find themselves exposed to the elements, cars, cats, dogs, humans."
267. "Rabbits deserve protecting fro irresponsible and cruel owners ...all animals should have a safe home for their life !"
268. "Change for humane Kindness to all living creatures"
269. "Rabbits have the right to be protected, they are the most wonderful pets."

270. "Australia needs to hang its head in shame for the treatment of rabbits. Rabbits are intelligent, loving sentient little animals who do not go out maiming and killing other animals, as cats and dogs do! They do not attack people and put them in hospital as dogs do! What makes you think they do not deserve protection as these other revered animals have!? And please introduce natural birth control for the rabbits in the wild and do not opt for the cheaper barbaric viruses and poisons."
271. "Bunnies deserve love and space to hop."
272. "No discrimination against rabbits"
273. "Rabbits deserve to be protected"
274. "Bunnies are pets too, and like all pets should not be abandoned to fend for themselves and harm native fauna/flora."
275. "I like bunnies"
276. "I want the Australian Government to include rabbits under the Domestic Animal Act. By doing this I hope there will be less trauma and deaths that these rabbits face."