



HEALTH COMMITTEE

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Dear Mr Manson

**Petition 2011/63 of Stephen Manson on behalf of the New Zealand Anti-Vivisection Society**

The Health committee has had your petition referred to it which requests:

That the New Zealand Parliament includes a clause specifically prohibiting animal testing in any proposed legislation aimed at the regulation of psychoactive substances ('party pills' or "legal highs").

We also received a submission from the New Zealand Anti-Vivisection Society and the Ministry of Health. Both submissions will be made available to the public

We note the Ministry of Health comment:

"There is a good deal of agreement about this issue. The Ministry has been in contact with the Society on this issue and has greatly appreciated its willingness to assist in identifying alternatives to animal testing"

We also notes that the Primary Production committee will be considering the issues raised in your petition in detail in its consideration of the Animal Welfare Amendment Bill.

If you have any enquiries about this letter, please contact the clerk of the committee, Arwel Hughes, by email at the above address or by phone on 04 817 9079.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paul Hutchison', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dr Paul Hutchison  
Chairperson