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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

## **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

**Part 3 - Animals in Distress** 

## Section 17 – Powers in relation to animals in distress

This section authorises an inspector or constable who finds a protected animal that is suffering to take immediate steps to alleviate the animal's suffering.