



**2023 Inquiry into the operation of the approved charitable organisations under the
*Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979***

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. That Portfolio Committee No. 4 – Regional NSW annually inquire into and report on the operation of the charitable organisations approved under s 34B of the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979*, and in particular:
 - (a) the matters contained in the annual reports of the approved charitable organisations, including their financial statements
 - (b) the exercise by the approved charitable organisations of their compliance and enforcement functions under the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979*
 - (c) any other related matters.
2. That the committee commence its annual inquiry following the publication of the annual reports of the approved charitable organisations and report by the end of the financial year.¹

The terms of reference for the inquiry were self-referred by the committee on 9 June 2023.²

Committee membership

Hon Mark Banasiak MLC	Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party	<i>Chair</i>
Hon Emma Hurst MLC	Animal Justice Party	<i>Deputy Chair</i>
Ms Abigail Boyd MLC*	The Greens	
Hon Greg Donnelly MLC	Australian Labor Party	
Hon Aileen MacDonald MLC*	Liberal Party	
Hon Wes Fang MLC*	The Nationals	
Hon Emily Suvaal MLC*	Australian Labor Party	
Hon Peter Primrose MLC	Australian Labor Party	

¹ The original reporting date was by the end of the financial year (*Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 20 June 2023, p 188). For the 2023 inquiry, the reporting date was later extended to 30 September 2024.

² *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 20 June 2023, p 188.

³ For the 2023 inquiry, the reporting date was further extended to 30 November 2024 (*Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 6 August 2024, p 1352).

- * Ms Abigail Boyd MLC is a participating member from 15 December 2023 for the duration of the inquiry.
- * The Hon Aileen MacDonald MLC replaced the Hon Taylor Martin MLC as a substantive member of the committee from 8 May 2024.
- * The Hon Wes Fang MLC substituted for the Hon Sarah Mitchell MLC from 6 May 2024.
- * The Hon Emily Suvaal MLC substituted for the Hon Cameron Murphy MLC from 7 August 2024 for the duration of the inquiry.