



Inquiry into the use of exotic animals in circuses and the exhibition of cetaceans in New South Wales

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. That Portfolio Committee No.4 – Industry inquire into and report on the use of exotic animals (defined as any animal that is not native and is not a stock or companion animal) in circuses and the exhibition of cetaceans in New South Wales, and in particular:
 - (a) the welfare of exotic animals exhibited in circuses in New South Wales, with consideration of community expectation,
 - (b) the welfare of cetaceans exhibited in New South Wales, with consideration of community expectation,
 - (c) in light of the findings in (a) and (b) above, whether:
 - (i) to allow the continuation of the practice of breeding of exotic animals for use in circuses and cetaceans for exhibition,
 - (ii) there should be a phase out of the use of exotic animals in circuses and cetaceans for exhibition, and/or
 - (iii) there should be any other legislative or regulatory action that the committee considers appropriate, and
 - (d) any other related matter.
2. That the Committee report by 31 December 2020.**

Committee membership

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| Hon Mark Banasiak MLC | Shooter, Fishers and Farmers Party | <i>Chair</i> |
| Hon Emma Hurst MLC | Animal Justice Party | <i>Deputy Chair</i> |
| Hon Lou Amato MLC | Liberal Party | |
| Hon Catherine Cusack MLC | Liberal Party | |
| Hon Sam Farraway MLC * | The Nationals | |
| Hon Peter Primrose MLC | Australian Labor Party | |
| Hon Mick Veitch MLC | Australian Labor Party | |

* The Hon Sam Farraway MLC replaced the Hon Trevor Khan MLC on 29 May 2020 for the duration of the inquiry

** The committee resolved on 17 March 2020 to extend the reporting date from 27 June 2020 to 31 December 2020 (*Minutes*, Legislative Council, 24 March 2020, p 859).